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MOMENTOUS MEETING OF FRENCH AMBASSADORS AT QUAI D'ORSAY



The renewed crisis between Dr. Schacht, German Minister of Economics, above, and the extreme Nazis, resulting in rumours of his impending resignation, is reported to have been settled for the time being.

NO DEVALUATION IN GERMANY

Reports Strenuously Denied

CONTROL OVER EXPORTS OF CAPITAL

Berlin, To-day.

The reports of the possible devaluation of the German currency are discounted by the "Deutsche Volkswirt" which also rejects the suggestion that Dr. Schacht's resignation is impending. From which it is inferred that the recent renewed crisis between Dr. Schacht and the more extreme Nazis has been settled for the time being.

The article declares that Germany does not intend changing her economic plan or abandoning control of Germany's foreign trade currencies received for exports, as continuation of the control of Germany's foreign trade is absolutely essential. It is learned in this connection that it is most improbable that Germany will give up control over the exports of capital. Any concessions in this direction would undoubtedly lead to the emigration of Jewish capital in Germany, which is estimated to amount to about £1,000,000,000.—Reuter.

ARYSSINIANS RETREATING

Latest Italian War Bulletin

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

In the Lake Ashangi sector, the enemy is retreating southwards, states official war bulletin No. 174, adding that the Abyssinians are being pursued by Italian troops and bombing planes.

The third Eritrean Brigade made contact with a detachment commanded by Colonel Starace and is engaged in establishing itself in Gondar.

There is no news from Somalia.

A message from Geneva states that the League of Nations' Secretary-General has received from the Italian League delegation an answer to the letter of enquiry from Senor de Madariaga, Chairman of the Committee of Thirteen, in which the Italian Government intimates its readiness now to enter into direct touch with the Committee of Thirteen. The exact text of the Italian answer is not yet known.—Trans-Ocean Service.

POOL BETTING BILL DEFEATED

UNJUST INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVATE LIBERTY

HUMOUR IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

The debate on a private member's bill designed to prohibit football pool betting enlivened the proceedings in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. R. J. Russell (L., Eddersbury), moving the second reading, described the pool betting as one of the most insidious forms of education in gambling ever devised. It was not a sporting event but a financial one, for which the best slogan was "Something for nothing."

After Mr. Russell had spoken for an hour Mr. Will Thorne (Lab., Plaistow) blew a football whistle, while the members, amid laughter, cried "Time!"

Mr. Tom Williams (Lab., Don Valley) said that the pool proprietors were making more profit than the whole of the coal-owners in Great Britain, employing 750,000 men, compared with the 25,000 employed by the pool promoters.

The bill met with opposition on the grounds of unjustifiable interference with private liberty. Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd (C. Mid Bedford) stating that they could trust the British working-man to spend in the best manner possible what he had earned by hard work and enterprise.

Mr. A. P. Herbert (Ind., Oxford University) said that the philosophy of the bill was that "Parliament should wrangle in moral cotton-wool and place them in a moral glass-house to prevent the wind of temptation touching them."

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd (C., Ladywood) said that an old farm labourer had written to one of his colleagues stating that he never betted, "but please oppose the bill, as the pool coupon keeps the old woman quiet for at least two nights a week." (Laughter.)

The bill was defeated by 287 votes to 24.—Reuter.

HEAVY SALES OF "RENTES"

Flurry On French Exchange

Paris, To-day.

Heavy sales of French rentes have developed, owing to the renewal of the franc scare. There was a flurry on the exchange market yesterday, a feature of which was the strong demand for sterling, which rose to 75.30 at one time. There is talk of the possibility of a further rise in the bank rate to-day.

The development is attributed in some quarters to a revival of bear speculation.—Reuter.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR PALESTINE

London, To-day.—Representatives of the Government of Palestine, who are chiefly Arab leaders, are visiting London, at the invitation of the Colonial Office for discussion of the proposed formation of a Legislative Council.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Government Appointments

The following appointments etc. are notified in the Government Gazette:

Mr. Arthur George Warnham Tickle to be a member of the Housing Commission in the place of the Hon. Mr. Richard McNeill Henderson; Mr. Eric Hinmworth to act as deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, and Deputy Registrar of Companies, with effect from April 9.



After having a "satisfactory" talk with Bruno Hauptmann in the Trenton State Penitentiary, Samuel Leibowitz, noted New York criminal lawyer, refused to confirm the rumour that the condemned man had confessed. He is here shown surrounded by reporters as he left the prison.

OVER-AGE BATTLESHIPS TO BE REPLACED

CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMMENCED IN U.S. IMMEDIATELY

Washington, To-day.

Admiral Standley, acting Secretary of the Navy on account of the prolonged illness of Mr. Claude A. Swanson, conferred at length with Mr. William Phillips, Under Secretary of State, and subsequently, in the presence of Mr. Norman Davis, told journalists that the construction of the vessels replacing the over-age battleships should be begun as soon as possible.

DESPERATE LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS

Defence Counsel's Efforts For Bruno Hauptmann

Trenton, N.J., To-day. A desperate last-minute effort is being made to save Bruno Hauptmann, whose execution is fixed for 7 a.m. G.M.T. to-day.

The defence counsel is trying to obtain a stay of execution to allow a Grand Jury to investigate the charges against Paul Wendel, a disbarred lawyer, for the murder of the Lindbergh baby. The Public Prosecutor, Mr. Wilentz, however, says that the execution of Hauptmann must be carried out unless he is reprieved. Later Hauptmann was executed to-day.—Reuter.

AMY MOLLISON AT COLOMB

Good Progress On Cape Flight

Oran, To-day.

Mrs. Amy Mollison flew over Oran at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, proceeding steadily towards the south. The Trans-Sahara Co., whose route she is following, expected that she would land at Colomb, Bechar, 400 miles further on, last evening, but possibly she will be able to continue to Reggan before re-fuelling.

Colomb, Bechar: Mrs. Amy Mollison landed at 3.45 p.m.—Reuter.

The British Admiralty had received the authorisation of funds with which to begin building two new battleships in 1937, and there was every reason for the United States to do the same.

Admiral Standley declined to reveal whether the Navy desired a new agreement concerning the fortifications in the Pacific, or whether it would be satisfied with the termination of the present status quo, which would leave the United States, Britain and Japan complete freedom of action in developing the bases of their Pacific Island territories.

Mr. Norman Davis said that the new naval treaty signed at London last week did not provide for a limitation in the size of future fleets, but he expressed the opinion that it represented a step forward and had clarified the atmosphere resulting from Japan's denunciation of the original Washington and London agreements.

Mr. Davis emphasised that the United States did not intend initiating discussions regarding fortifications in the Pacific. The new treaty represented more than they could dare to hope for.—Reuter.

PADGHAM WINS

King Beaten By Three Strokes At Bramshot

Bramshot, Hampshire.

To-day. Alfred Padgham, the British Ryder Cup player, won the £2,000 Daily Mail Golf Tournament over 72 holes yesterday, with individual rounds of 73, 73, 70 and 68. The last round was a course record, despite a high and cold north-east wind. The youthful S. King was second with 287, and Percy Allis and Reginald Whitcombe were third with 288.—Reuter.

Last year Padgham won the News of the World's professional tournament for the second time in his career.

CONFERENCE NOW ASSURED

COUNTER-PROPOSALS BY FRANCE

DISAPPOINTMENT IN BERLIN

Paris, To-day.

A conference of the French Ambassadors in Berlin, London and Rome was held at the Quai d'Orsay for three hours yesterday afternoon. It is understood that the conference was of great importance and covered the ground in the widest possible manner.

French circles are of the opinion that it is fairly certain that a conference of the Locarno Powers will be held next week, probably at Paris, but British quarters at Paris think Brussels is the much more likely venue, and it is understood that the Foreign Office does not favour any very early date for the meeting.—Reuter.

London: A quiet week-end is anticipated in official circles in London. It is thought that Mr. Anthony Eden's speech will have a calming effect. Mr. Baldwin has already gone to The Chequers, though Mr. Eden is still at the Foreign Office. Last evening's visitors at the Foreign Office included Signor Grandi, Italian Ambassador, who is understood to have renewed the assurances that Italy will respect the full integrity of the British treaty rights in Abyssinia.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Paris: It is authoritatively learned that the French reply to the German memorandum will contain counter-proposals. M. Flaminio is drafting a reply, to which the finishing touches will be given at the Council of Ministers on Monday.

Brussels: The articles proposed by the new Belgian Defence Bill, empowering the Government to raise the money to keep enough men under the colours to ensure instant mobilisation for the manning of Belgium's frontiers, has been passed by the Chamber.

Berlin: The British letters to the French and Belgian Governments are tantamount to an encouragement of the French stubbornness and put a premium on the rejection of the German proposals, declares the Wilhelmstrasse organ, "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," which says that a satisfactory settlement has been rendered even more difficult, and it is even doubtful if the small circles of the Powers will first engage in unilateral agreements, especially if they are of a military character.—Reuter.

Berlin: While official circles decline to comment on Mr. Eden's speech at present, well-informed circles are disappointed at Mr. Eden's insistence on the General Staff talks at a time when Germany expected some new constructive gesture for peace.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

PARIS: At the close of the Ambassadors' discussions last night it was announced that the French Government will insist on the assembly of the representatives of the four Locarno Powers during the coming week.

ITALY TO PARTICIPATE? Rome: Concerning the French proposals that there should be a meeting of the four Locarno Powers in Brussels shortly, it is stated from authoritative sources that negotiations to this effect are already in progress, and that Italy will probably participate.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SYRIAN TREATY WITH FRANCE?

Paris, To-day.—The Government of Syria is sending a delegation to Paris to discuss treaties with France and her entry into the League. The treaties will be settled on the same lines as that between Britain and Iraq.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FRONTIER TENSION

SITUATION NOT IMPROVED

JAPAN THREATENS ACTION

SOVIET TROOPS ON BORDER

Daren, To-day.

It is semi-officially indicated that the Kwangtung army is preparing to mass troops and armaments along the northern frontiers of Manchukuo equal to the Soviet military concentrations. It is pointed out that unless the Soviet withdraws the troops from the frontier the Japanese army "will be forced to take action."

The Kwangtung army mouthpiece, the "Manchukuo Daily News," declares that the U.S.S.R. is preparing for an attack "when the right moment comes," but warns the Soviet to remember that "two powerful nations will form the opposition—Japan and Germany."

Meanwhile the Manchukuo—Outer Mongolian situation continues to be clouded by an apparent propaganda smokescreen, but the public here is made to understand that Manchukuo is ready to use force if compelled to terminate the "Outer Mongolian" provocations.

The general situation is again becoming intense rather than improving.—Reuter.

RICKSHAWS IN SHANGHAI

Owners Accept New Conditions

Shanghai, To-day.

Rickshaws are again plying for hire on the streets of Shanghai this morning as a result of the League. The treaties will be settled on the same lines as that between Britain and Iraq.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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INWARD MAILS

FROM EUROPE

Apr.

FROM U.S.A.

Apr.

Emp. of Russia 9
Pres. Hoover 9
Pres. Hayes 10

FROM SHANGHAI

Apr.

Menestheus 7
Hector 7
Emp. of Russia 9
Pres. Hoover 9
Andre Lebon 18
Pres. Hayes 10
Hakozaki Maru 10
Tatsuta Maru 10

FROM JAPAN

Apr.

Genoa Maru 5
Nako Maru 6
Bokuyo Maru 7
Emp. of Russia 9
Pres. Hoover 10
Pres. Hayes 10
Tango Maru 10
Hakozaki Maru 10
Tatsuta Maru 10

FROM MANILA

Apr.

Nellore 4
Pres. Lincoln 6
Potadam 7
Changte 14
Kitano Maru 16

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Apr.

Menelaus 6
Crene 7
Haruna Maru 10
Dakar Maru 10

FROM AUSTRALIA

Apr.

Nellore 4
Changte 14
Kitano Maru 16

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Apr.

Ranchi (K.L.M. Service) 4
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Marchal Joffre (via Siberia) 4
Hector (via Marseilles) 7
Pres. Lincoln (via Siberia) 7
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Gen. Sherman 7
Andre Lebon (via Marseilles) 10
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Apr.

Ranchi 4
Hector 8
Kumsang 8
Hakozaki Maru 8

FOR SHANGHAI

Apr.

Marchal Joffre 4
Pres. Lincoln 7
Gen. Sherman 7

FOR JAPAN

Apr.

Marchal Joffre 4
Pres. Lincoln 7
Gen. Sherman 7

FOR U.S.A.

Apr.

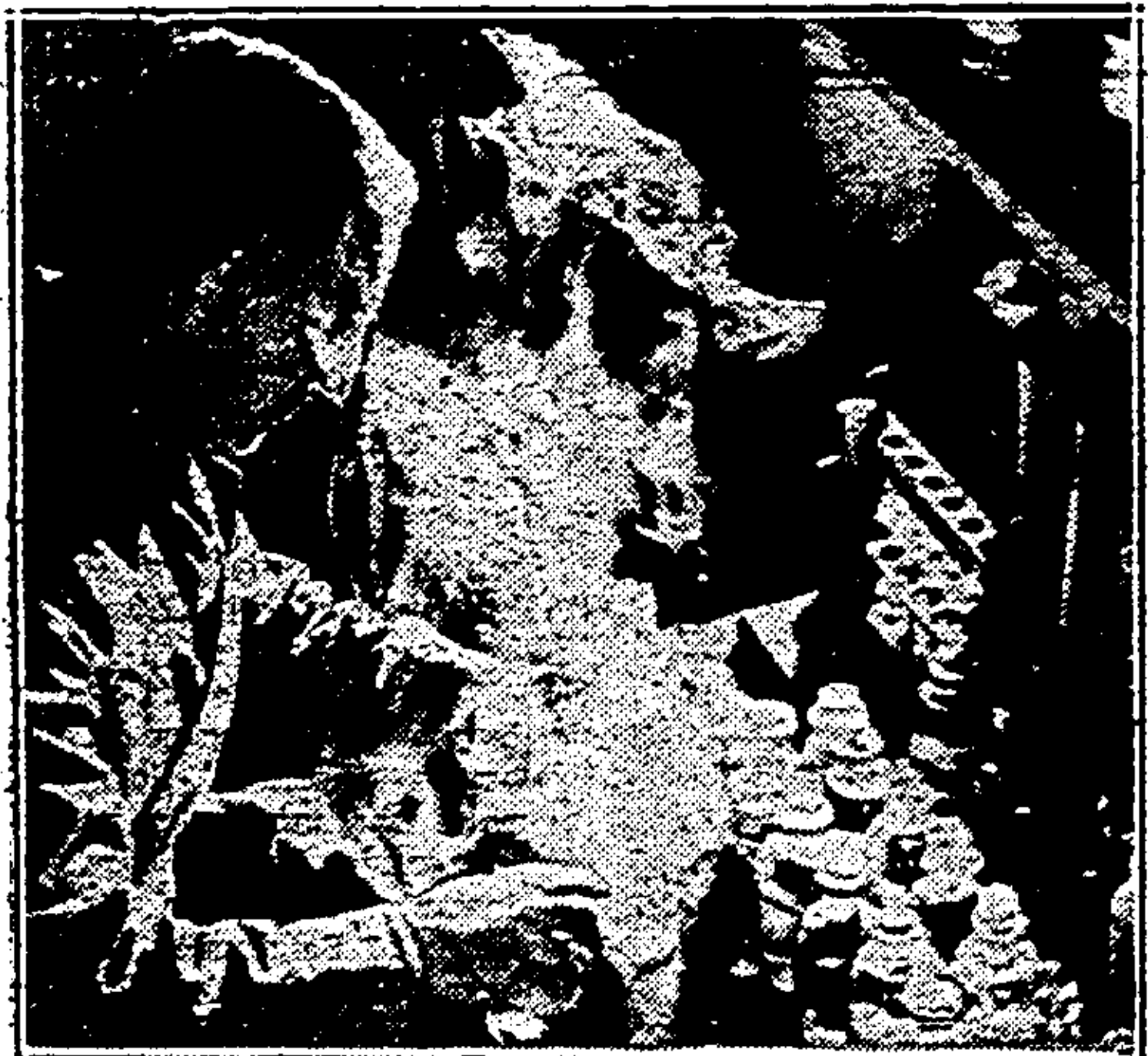
Pres. Lincoln 7
Gen. Sherman 7

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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(Above) When the plans of James J. Bambrick (inset), president of the building service employees' union, materialized, every building in New York was without elevator or heating service men for about ten days last month. As city officials rushed emergency measures to provide service for the protection of city health during the strike, office workers (left) took this stairway bannister method of sliding down from their work. Strike pickets are shown in front of a Park Avenue apartment in the photograph below.



Intent on the subject under discussion, Senator Hattie W. Caraway of Arkansas sits as chairman of a Senate sub-committee at Washington at the opening of the hearings on a river pollution bill. It is the first time in history that a woman has acted as chairman of a sub-committee.



A distinctive Spring street suit worn by Jean Arthur, the screen actress. The sage green woolen of the suit is contrasted by a striped blouse in shades of gold, ivory, rust-red and the green of the suit.



Mrs. Helen Herron Taft, widow of the late William Howard Taft, 27th President of America, is here pictured sailing from New York on one of the rare occasions when she posed for camera-men.



The candid camera takes you behind the scenes at New York's scientific crime detection bureau where Father Knickerbocker's bluecoats have every device for checking clues. Chief Inspector J. J. O'Connell (below) is looking at a suspected document with the aid of ultra-violet rays which reveal hidden clues and (above) chemist Edward J. Kelly raises a chemical smoke-screen as he analyses an important piece of evidence.

(Right) Recent reports from Tokyo named General Jiro Minami, the present commander of the Japanese army in Manchuria and Japan's Ambassador to Manchukuo, the likely choice for the Premiership. He was said to favour an aggressive army policy.



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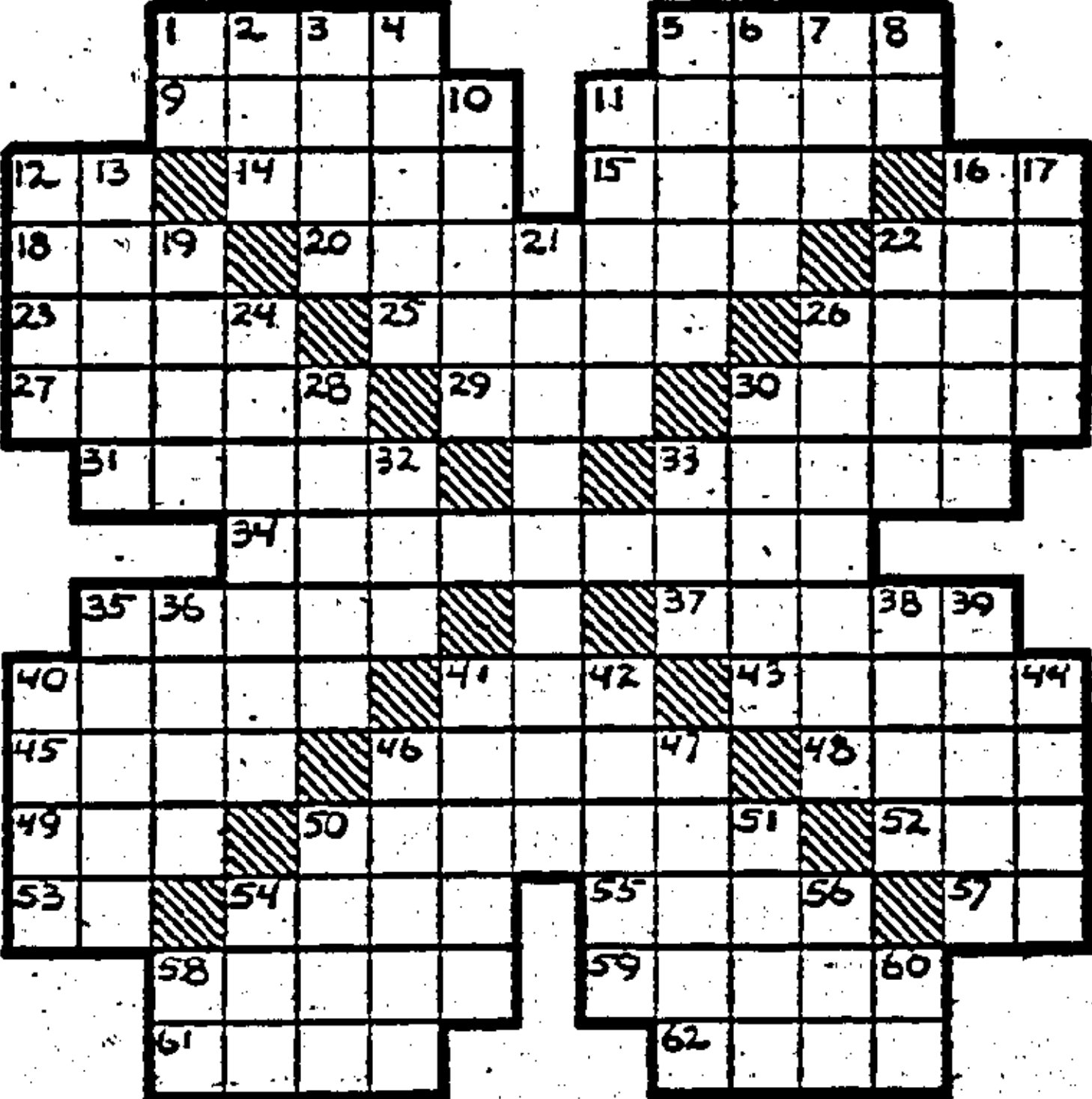
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Soft plumage
5-Spot of ink
9-Sea
11-A creed
12-Father
14-Solar
15-Part of the arm
16-Pronoun
18-A beverage
20-Closest
22-River in Poland
23-A measure of length
(pl.)
25-Clothe
26-Without warmth
27-Man's name
28-Perched
30-Plane
31-Finished
33-A water-bird (pl.)
34-Fearless
35-Severe
37-Abounds
40-A game
41-Measure of weight
43-Ceases
45-Rave
46-Longer for
48-Bang

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49-Science
50-The disappearance of the sun (pl.)
52-Before
53-Nymph
54-Segment
55-Tropical fruit
57-Point of compass (abbr.)
58-Bee homes
59-Male deer (pl.)
61-Pole
62-Therefore

VERTICAL

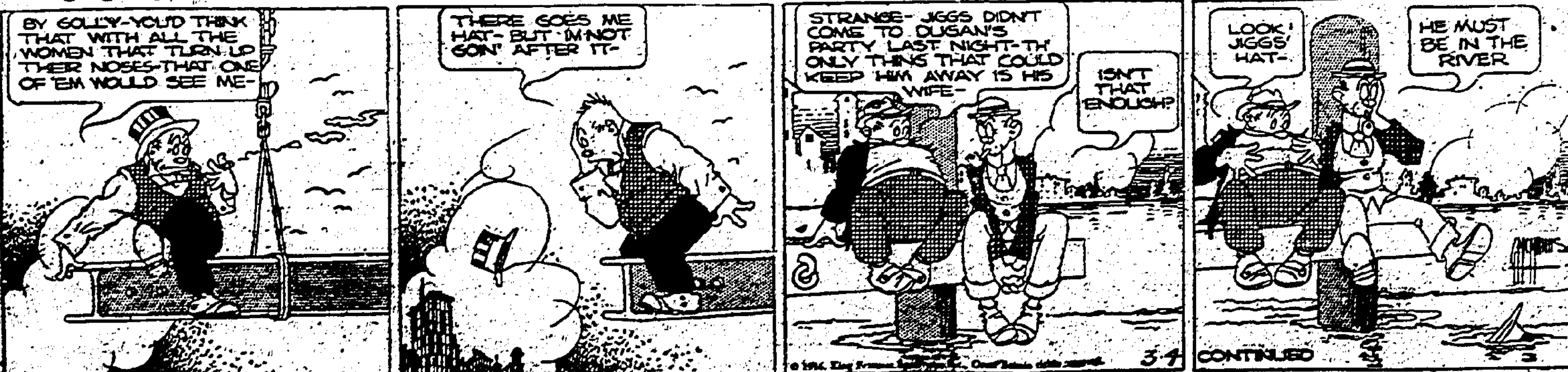
1-Act
2-A month (abbr.)
3-Allot the
4-Nude
5-A metal
6-Allowed for temporary use
7-Quar
8-Preposition
10-Approaches
11-Part of the body
12-Remove the skin of

VERTICAL (Cont.)

13-Solitary
16-Stop
17-Terminates
19-Paradise
21-Chemical processes
22-Shortly
24-Most sorrowful
25-Cupboards
28-Withers
30-Assumes an attitude
32-To press for payment
33-Allow
35-Portion
36-Carry shelter
38-Underground animal
39-Room
40-Jam
41-Tinges
42-Wants
44-A water-bird
46-Fine
47-Air
50-Rescue
51-Chief actor
54-A pastry
56-Inch
58-Horse-power (abbr.)
60-Very

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue

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BRIDGE NOTES

A Valuable Weapon

By Ely Culbertson

Ever since the earliest days of Auction the pre-emptive bid has been a subject of considerable controversy. Judiciously used, there is no question that the pre-empt is a valuable weapon, because if it does nothing else, it robs the opponents of valuable rounds of bidding. This is particularly true when the pre-empt is made on a hand weak in defensive possibilities and strong only in one suit. Then the opponents who may well have the strongest combined hands are sometimes unable to show their strength or reach the best declaration.

Expert players make their truly pre-emptive bids on weak holdings more effective by occasionally bidding a pre-empt with a strong hand. There is danger in this, of course, because the pre-empting side may miss a slam. Generally this high opening bid with a strong hand is confined to occasions when partner has already passed.

Knowing West was the type of player who hated to be pre-empted enabled South to trap him in to-day's hand.

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

S 9 6 4	H K 5	D 10 8 4 3	C 9 6 4 3
S A J 10 7 5 3	H A 5	D K J 7	C Q 8
S K Q	H Q J 10 9 8 4	D A Q 5	C A K

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

	North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	4H (1)	4S (2)	
Pass	Pass	5H (3)	5S (3)	
Pass	Pass			

1—Far too strong in honour-tricks and outside strength to consider pre-empting except as a trap and only then after partner had passed.

2—West nibbles at the bait.

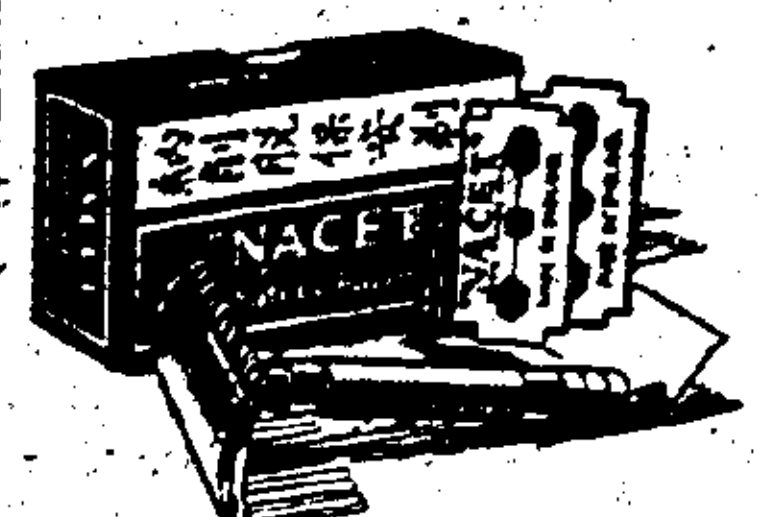
3—The trap is sprung.

North opened the King of hearts and West, who could never reach dummy to lead diamonds from that hand, could not avoid losing three tricks in that suit in addition to his losers in spades, hearts and clubs, being set four tricks for 1,100 points.

Aggressiveness is generally a good thing in Contract, but against pre-emptive bids it is a failing rather than a virtue. There are certain times when a pre-emptive bid "fixes" the opponent who has a strong hand. In such cases, it is better to pass and be fixed than bid and risk a severe penalty. Actually, South could not make four hearts, having to lose a spade, a heart and two diamond tricks.

FREAK WHIST

Four players at a whist drive at Lydney, Gloucester, were each dealt complete suits. The odds against this have been estimated at about 635,000,000,000 to 1.



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Cinema Notes

"STRIKE ME PINK"—KING'S THEATRE

This lavish \$1,500,000 production, featuring Ethel Merman, Sally Eilers, Parkyakarkus and William Frawley and a glorious new array of Goldwyn Girls, casts Eddie Cantor as a timid little college tailor whose secret passion for a glamorous night club singer, in the person of Miss Merman, moves him to take a correspondence course in personal magnetism, entitled "Man or Mouse, What Are You?"

Then he inherits the management of a huge amusement park and becomes involved with a gang of slot-machine racketeers who have put every previous manager "on the spot."

"Strike Me Pink" was based on Clarence Budington Kelland's *Saturday Evening Post* story and novel, "Dreamland." The adaptation and screen play are by Frank Butler, Walter DeLeon and Francis Martin. Norman Turog directed. Harold Arlen and Lew Brown are responsible for the snappy song hits, which include "The Lady Dances," "First You Have Me High, Then You Have Me Low," "The Calabash Pipe," "Shake It Off."

Highlights of the musical are a thrilling, laugh-loaded comedy chase on a Giant Roller Coaster and a wild balloon ascent, with Eddie and Parkyakarkus in the basket and the gangsters at the controls.

"COLLEGIATE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Picked as the most versatile girls in Hollywood, 60 young beauties, whose dance repertoires include steps from classic selections to the modern "ha-cha" variety, were engaged by LeRoy Prinz, Paramount dance director, for colourful sequences in this film-musical.

But before being signed to a contract for the picture, each of the talented chorines was put through a series of routines that included ballet, eccentric, ballroom, folk-dancing and the combination of tap and modern tripping, known as truckin'. Having been trained from childhood by some of the foremost dance instructors here and abroad, the girls are regarded as leaders in their respective fields. However, when called for their part in the picture, they settle down as a team and worked in complete unison.

During the "Rhythmic" number, which features Betty Jane Cooper, New York and London dancer, the chorus uses almost every technique known to the modern night club entertainer. Dance authorities believe the "Rhythmic" number will be classed as outstanding. The scene is in a girl's seminary, where according to modern trends, the curriculum features the development of charm and grace by instruction in dancing. Throughout the picture, the girls furnish the musical and dancing entertainment, while the comedy situations are offered by Joe Penner, Jack Oakie, Frances Langford, Ned Sparks and Lynne Overmahn.

"LES MISERABLES"—STAR THEATRE

Fresh laurels were heaped on the heads of Fredric March and Charles Laughton as co-stars of Darryl Zanuck's stirring production of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables."

March does the finest work of his career as the unfortunate Valjean and Laughton is superb as Javert. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, the celebrated British stage and screen star, is splendid, making his American screen debut in the role of the kindly Bishop Bienvenüe.

Rochelle Hildson, as Jean Valjean's ward, Cosette, and John Beal, as her sweetheart, Marius, furnish the love interest which offers a counterplot to Valjean's desperate adventures in his life-long attempt to evade the relentless Javert.

"REMEMBER LAST NIGHT"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

This is a fine murder mystery, put over in a style by a talented cast including Edward Arnold,



Ondine Stevens, Edmund Lowe and Ann Sothern are in the Columbia production, "Grand Exit," which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre soon.

EDDIE CANTOR AT THE KING'S

"Strike Me Pink" HILARIOUS COMEDY, WITH LOVELY GIRLS

One can generally depend upon Eddie Cantor to provide his public with something amusing; and in his latest effort, "Strike Me Pink"—not very felicitously named—the big-eyed little comedian does not disappoint our expectations.

The story is a very thin one, with the usual gags and impassable happenings that one overlooks in this class of entertainment, but "tis enough, 'twill serve," since we have Eddie Cantor, Ethel Merman, his new leading lady, and the Glamorous Goldwyn Girls in some wonderful dance ensembles; and there is a sinuous, seemingly boneless, and very lovely little dancer that is in herself worth the entrance-money.

As for Eddie Cantor, he is his same, always amusing, self and provides us with one of the most riotously funny chases, which includes a scenic railway, a balloon and a gymnastic troupe at work, that has ever been presented on the screen. He is ably supported in several of his scenes by a new comedian appearing under the name of Parkyakarkus.

Go to the King's if you want a good evening's amusement—for both the main picture and the delightful Walt Disney's "Who Killed Cock Robin?" that precedes it.

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A man walked into the premises of the Morris Fur Co., Wright's Lane, High-street, Kensington, last month, snatched a bundle of valuable silver fox furs and escaped in a waiting motor-car.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Davenport—Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
The Wailiki Trio
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Concert, Waitesa.
12.50 p.m.—Vocal Gems by the Light Opera Company.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.05 p.m.—Variety Items.
1.30 p.m.—Renter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6.30-7 p.m.—Chinese Dance Music.
7 p.m.—midnight—European Programme.
7.55 p.m.—A Relay from Davenport.
7 p.m.—"Monologue in Melody," Norman Hackforth in synopsized pianoforte music.
7.30 p.m.—Oxford v Cambridge. A running commentary on the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, from the launch Magician following the crews.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.30 p.m.—Military Band Music.
Swan Lake Ballet (Tchaikovsky).
Patrol Outing (Lakeland).
A Hunting (Sage) (Bocchasi).
La Source Ballad (arr. Winterbottom).
Poet and Peasant Overture (Suppe).
8.55 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Dance Music) in "Song of the Sea."
9 p.m.—The Border Ballad (Grove).
2. Glory of the Stars (Sanderson).
3. The Old Superstition (Stanford).
4. Homeward Bound (Stanford).
9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by "The Wailiki Trio." Programme:
1. My Hawaiian Isles.
2. Alekoki.
3. Mahina Mahina.
4. Melema Haka.
5. Ma Lei O Hapai.
9.30 p.m.—A Relay from the Davenport, News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).
9.45 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) in a recital of French Songs.
10 p.m.—Dance Music (Visions in Smoke) (Boa).
10.15 p.m.—Parles-Moi D'Amour (Speak to me of Love) (Lemoine).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music (Grand Mame) (Debussy).
10.45 p.m.—(Claret).
11 p.m.—Sens Toi—Tango Chante (Sexto).
10.45 p.m.—Sens Toi.
10.45 p.m.—From the Studio.
Dance Music by Eddie Avanti and his Franciscans.
11 p.m.—12 midnight—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
12 midnight—Close Down.
Note.—There will be a relay from the Lee Theatre (Chinese) on 2.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles from 8-11 p.m.

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Sporting Page



OXFORD'S FINE CHANCE OF WINNING TO-DAY'S BOAT RACE

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME THIS AFTERNOON "OLD CROCKS" ON VIEW

TO-DAY is a "Red Letter" day in the history of the Hong Kong Football Club, which will celebrate its Golden Jubilee this afternoon with a series of exhibition games and to-night with the annual dinner, followed by a dance and cabaret in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

Most of the old "Cocks" will be on view to-day and the tit-bit of the afternoon is the soccer match between the Old Cocks and the Rest, lasting 20 minutes, while another entertaining item on the programme is the match in which the soccer players will oppose their Rugby colleagues with a Rugby ball and soccer goal posts over half an hour each way.

Well-balanced teams have been drawn up and an enjoyable afternoon is promised. Mr. G. H. Potts, one of the Founder Members of the Club and this season's President, has presented a cup which will be annually competed for between the Association Football and Rugby Sections with a Rugby ball and soccer goal posts.

GOOD LEAGUE SOCCER CARD FOR TO-DAY

Junior Championship To Be Decided

TO-MORROW'S PREMIER DIVISION TIES

A fairly interesting League football programme will take place to-day with six First Division ties and four Second Division matches on the card, the outstanding feature of which will be the clash between the Royal Navy and the East Lancs. in a game which will probably decide the Junior Championship.

In the premier League to-day the champions, South China "A", should easily account for Lyemun, while Recreio should perform similarly against Stonecutters. (Continued on Page 9)

ROVER'S FORECAST

The following is the forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured team in capital letters:—

TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION
Lyemun (R.A.) v S. CHINA "A"
(Sookumpoo, 4.45 p.m.)
RECREIO
v S. CHINA "A"
(King's Park, 4.45 p.m.)
KOWLOON
v POLICE
(Kowloon, 4.45 p.m.)
EAST LANC.
v ATHLETIC
(Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.)
FUSILIERS
v St. Joseph's
(Prince Edward Road, 4.45 p.m.)
S. CHINA "B"
v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

SOUTH CHINA v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)
RIFLES
v Radio
(Causeway Bay, 3.15 p.m.)
ENGINEERS
v Recreation
(Chatham Road, 4.45 p.m.)
EAST LANC.
v NAVY
(Sookumpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
LIGA
v MEDICALS
(Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)
ST. JOSEPH'S
v POLICE
(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)
C. POLICE
v RIFLES
(Railway, 3.15 p.m.)
E. POLICE
v Railway
(Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)
FUSILIERS
v Air Force
(King's Park, 3.15 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION
FUSILIERS v Athletic
(Sookumpoo, 4.45 p.m.)
Lyemun (R.A.) v RIFLES
(Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.)
Recreio v S. CHINA "A"
(Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION
FUSILIERS v Athletic
(Sookumpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
R.A.O.C. v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY

FIRST DIVISION
East Lanc. v S. CHINA "A"
(Sookumpoo, 5.15 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION
MEDICALS v St. Joseph's
(St. Joseph's, 5.00 p.m.)



The memorable finish to the 1934 Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, which the Light Blues won by 4 1/4 lengths in the record time of 18 mins. 3 secs. The crews are here seen just after the conclusion of the event.

ENGLAND SHOULD WIN TO-DAY

Soccer Clash With Scotland

CLASSIC AT WEMBLEY

To-day's International soccer clash between England and Scotland at Wembley will be the 41st encounter in the series, England having won 22 games, Scotland 10, with the remaining 8 drawn.

The first match was played a far back as 1892, at Bolton, when the final whistle sounded with the sides sharing four goals. The next season, however, saw England win by the odd goal in seven at Glasgow, and it was not till 1897 that the Scots registered their first success—they won by the convincing margin of three clear goals at Glasgow. (Continued on Page 9)

COLONY TENNIS CARD FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY

Open Doubles (Semi-Final)
M. K. and M. W. Lo v E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung (Stand Court).

Club Handicap Singles (Third Round)
T. J. Price (Sec.) v G. W. Sewell (—15)

(Fourth Round)
E. F. Butters (—4/6) or W. P. Lucy (—3/6) v A. D. Humphreys (—4/6)
Club Handicap Doubles (2nd Round)
H. R. McGilchrist and H. L. Tudor (—1/6) v B. O'M. Deane and G. E. R. Divett (—15)
H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce (—15/2) v L. Lucy and L. Phillips (—3/6)

TUESDAY

Open Singles (Fourth Round)
S. A. Bumjahn v Paul Kong (Stand Court)

Club Handicap Singles (Third Round)
A. C. I. Bowker (Sec.) v J. Thomson (—1/6)

(Fourth Round)
V. E. Gordon (Sec.) v M. Pash (—15/2)
Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)
G. W. Sewell and H. J. Armstrong (—15/2) v E. Bathurst and A. T. Lay (—15)

(Continued on Page 9)

GOLF NOTES

(By "NIBLICK")

THE third round stage has been reached in the Open Four-somes at Kowloon Golf Club, and the eight couples left will play off next Sunday for the right to enter the semi-final.

Several pairs went very close before advancing to this round. W. A. Stewart and M. Mine were taken to an extra hole. A. T. Bralley and A. L. Eastman won on the 18th, as also did A. J. Dennis and G. P. Murphy. W. C. Simpson and T. D. Paton had a two-hole victory, while J. D. Thompson and D. C. Wilson won fairly easily and H. H. Mundy and W. Stoker managed a 4 and 2 victory with unconvincing golf.

On the whole the close finishes bear witness to the efficacy of the handicap system employed, which is based on the English Golf Union method.

ECLECTIC COMPETITION

DURING Easter week-end I understand a second Eclectic competition is to be held. Undoubtedly the first one was a huge success, but I would say a word regarding the handicapping.

Three-quarters of handicap was allowed each entrant irrespective of the number of cards taken out. To my way of thinking that is unfair as it is obvious that a player who has a bang four times stands a good deal better chance than the player who can only manage a single 18 holes.

I would state here and now that no good purpose is served by trying to be too scientific in the adjustment of handicap corresponding to the number of rounds played, and also, to escape the epithet of being classed a destructive critic, I offer the following:—
Three-quarters handicap allowed for the first 18 holes played with a reduction of 1/12 of the allowance for each and every additional card taken out.

AN IMPROVEMENT

NO longer will my seat of wisdom be received with an icy embrace in Winter and a Sahara hug in Summer at the half-way house. The old shelter is to be improved and enlarged and will accommodate players inside, shielded from the violet ray of King Sol or the cold winds from the north-east. A wooden forum will run round three sides of the new structure, and a small bar will be at hand for those requiring refreshment before facing the second nine.

Despite the discomfort of the old cement seat I feel that an old landmark is going with its removal and I reckon that way back in '24 those responsible for its appearance never intended it to be moved. The Contractor responsible (Continued on Page 5)

TSUI WINS

Kwok Capable Of Better Things

MATCH SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THREE SETS

(By "BASE-LINE")

Tsui Wai-pui entered the Semi-Final Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday when he beat Tinnie Kwok, also of the C.R.C., by scores of 3-6, 6-3, but I could not help thinking that Kwok might even have won with a little more concentration.

Tsui, who won the title in 1934, deserved to win after a very indifferent start—he allowed Kwok to take three games in a row to lead 4-3—but he was by no means at his best and after the seventh game in the first set I was prepared to see Kwok win.

Kwok's backhand came through a gruelling test with credit, but his service was weak for one of his height, while he made several badly judged advances to the net and was easily passed—these latter points helped to restore some of Tsui's lost confidence. Had Kwok been content to play a base line game and draw Tsui to the net the match might quite easily have gone to three sets as his passing shots brought him many valuable points.

After unexpectedly winning the opening set Tsui increased the pace of his shots in a masterly manner and before Kwok knew quite where he was he was trailing 3-1, although he levelled at 3—all, and 5-3.

The match produced good tennis, but it should have gone to three sets.

Tsui will now meet either S. A. Bumjahn, the holder, or Paul at 4.30 p.m. in the Board Room of Kong for right of entry into the South China Morning Post Final.

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LONDON'S GREATEST FREE SHOW

DARK BLUES RETURN TO "ETONIAN" STYLE

A RACE with 100 years of tradition behind it takes place to-day when Oxford and Cambridge Universities meet in their annual boat race from Putney to Mortlake. There is probably no other sporting event in the world which arouses so much enthusiasm and interest, and the event itself is annually witnessed by many hundreds of thousands of spectators.

Relative form varies very slightly at present, although the Dark Blues have recorded some good times and are considered to be one of the best crews since the last occasion on which they recorded a victory, in 1923. Cambridge, on the other hand, are considered to be an even better crew than that of last year.

Oxford suffered their biggest defeat in 1925 when their boat was water-logged and they were beaten by 30 lengths.

This season Oxford's final period of training was held under the coaching of Mr. G. O. Nickalls, who was president of the Oxford University Boat Club in 1923, the year in which they recorded their last win. Last year and the year before Oxford had a Cambridge coach for their final period of practice.

This afternoon Oxford will have a fine chance of breaking Cambridge's sequence of 12 consecutive wins. The Dark Blues have improved so rapidly since their arrival at Putney that Cambridge are now only narrow favourites, while sceptics admit that the race will not, as originally thought, be a walk-over for the Light Blues. The race commences at 11.45 a.m. G.M.T. (Continued on Page 4)



YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Tsui Wai-pui beat Tinnie Kwok 3-6, 6-3.

Club Championship (Third Round) M. Pash beat H. J. Armstrong 6-4, 6-0.

L. Goldman beat Surg.-Lt. W. A. S. Grant 6-2, 6-4.

Club Handicap Singles (Third Round) W. P. Lucy (—3/6) beat E. F. Butters (—4/6) 7-5, 7-5.

Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round) H. R. Butters and D. Macdonald (—4/6) beat E. R. and T. T. Price (—2/6) 6-0, 7-8, 9-7.

L.T.A. MEETING

We have been informed that the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association has been postponed till Tuesday, April 14, Bumjahn, the holder, or Paul at 4.30 p.m. in the Board Room of Kong for right of entry into the South China Morning Post Final.

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BOAT RACE CREWS

The following are the crews for the boat race:—

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D. M. de R. Wimer (Winchester & Corpus Christi) 11 11

J. C. Cherry (Westminster & Brasenose) 13 7

J. D. Sturrock (Winchester & Magdalen) 14 3

R. J. Sciortino (Shrewsbury & University Coll.) 12 12

S. R. G. Wood (Australia & Brasenose) 12 7

L. V. Garride (Bradfield & St. John's) 12 12

J. S. Lewis (Australia & Christ Church) 12 7

G. C. Ashby (Oundle & New College) 12 0

M. A. Kirke (Sherrborne & Keble) (coxswain) 8 8

* indicates Old Blues

CAMBRIDGE

W. G. R. M. Laurie (Monkton Combe & Selwyn) 13 5

J. H. T. Wilson (Shrewsbury & Pembroke) 13 4

D. G. Kingford (Uppingham & Pembroke) 13 7

M. P. Lennon (Westminster & Trinity) 13 7

D. W. Burnford (St. Paul's & Jesus) 13 4

G. M. Lewis (Malvern & Pembroke) 12 8

H. W. Mason (Clifton & Trinity Hall) 12 10

T. S. Green (Australia & Jesus) 11 13

J. M. Duckworth (Lincoln & Jesus, coxswain) 8 8

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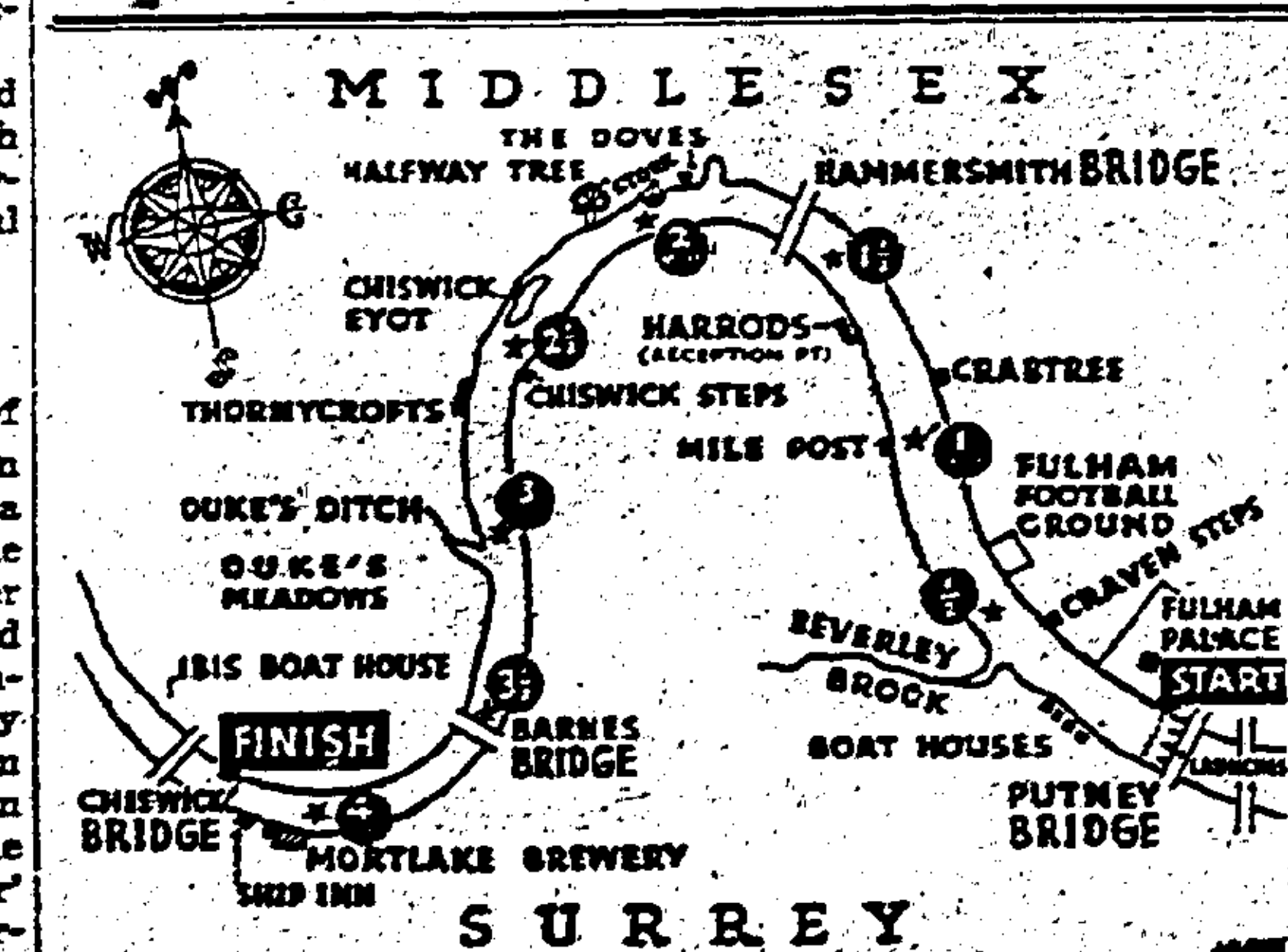
ANDREWS TO PLAY HERE

Game Arranged For Thursday

The announcement that E. D. ("Buster") Andrews, the famous Davis Cup tennis player, will be seen in action in exhibition tennis matches (doubles) on the H.K.C.C. ground on Thursday will be welcomed by local tennis fans.

E. D. Andrews and L. Goldman will play H. D. and S. A. Bumjahn and then Andrews and E. C. Fincher will meet Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yim-pui, the recent conquerors of the Bumjahn cousins in the local championships.

The matches will be played on the Stand Court, commencing at 4.30 p.m. and admission to the exhibition will be \$1 to the Stand and 50 cents for "standing room." There will be no reservations.



A running commentary on the Boat Race, will be broadcast in all Transvaal, Natal, and Cape Provinces, on which the BBC engineers have erected a portable transmitter. The occasion of the Boat Race is still one of great public festivity, despite the fact that since the war it has provided so one-sided a contest. The above is a plan of the course from which listeners can follow the race. The race will be broadcast at the following time: Transmission 1, to-morrow at 7.35 a.m. G.M.T.; Transmission 2, to-day at 11.15 a.m. G.M.T.; Transmission 3, to-day at 2 p.m. G.M.T.; Transmission 4, to-day at 6.20 a.m. G.M.T.; Transmission 5, to-day at 11 p.m. G.M.T.; Transmission 6, to-morrow at 2.20 a.m. G.M.T.

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BUT CAMBRIDGE FAVOURED

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It was very significant that after Mr. Nickalls' visit to see the work of the Oxford crew at Henley on March 6, the semi-swivel rowlocks which they had been using were abandoned in favour of fixed rowlocks.

Curious Position
This indicated a return to the "Etonian" or orthodox style, used normally by the Oxford University Boat Club—although Mr. Nickalls, in common with his father, the late Mr. Guy Nickalls, five times winner of the Diamond Sculls, is not a strictly orthodox oarsman!

The Oxford and Cambridge crews were completed on March 14 when J. H. T. Wilson, the Light Blues' president, awarded Blues to D. W. Brunford, H. W. Mason, T. S. Cree, and G. M. Lewis.

Good Stoking
Mason, who is a native of Cambridge, stroked the crew and maintained a fast pace throughout. He started at 37 and finished at over 40, after averaging about 31. The run-in to Little Bridge, when the stroke was worked up from 36 to 40, was a much better piece of work than the effort of a week previously, and the crew were steadier over the stretch, in spite of the high rate of stoking.

Oxford went over the full course in a trial on March 13, but took 21 minutes 4 seconds despite excellent conditions.

A Good Practice
The Cambridge crew rowed a satisfactory full-course trial at flood tide on March 26 in 18 mins. 43 secs. An average of 35 was recorded for the greater part of the course, and the outing finished up with a burst of 40.

The Boat Race has become one of England's premier sporting events, arousing the enthusiasm not only of the past and present members of the Universities, but also of millions throughout the world to whom the "Varsities" exist only in name.

It is a typically English institution. No other boat race is quite like it. The good humoured crowds that collect along both banks of the wide river wait for many hours to obtain a glimpse of the boats as they pass. The visitor, as he crosses Putney Bridge on his way down the Putney embankment to watch the start of the race, will see thousands of enthusiasts—many of whom know nothing about rowing—packed closely together on the water's edge; he will see a man give a Punch and Judy show, and hawkers selling photographs and biographies of the crews; he will see innumerable hawkers too, selling dark blue Oxford ribbons and light blue Cambridge ribbons. Rightly has the boat race been termed "London's greatest free show."

Last 13 Results

The following have been the results for the past 13 years giving the time and distance the race was won by:

1923	Oxford	20 mins. 54 secs.	2 1/4 lengths.
1924	Cambridge	18 mins. 41 secs.	4 1/2 lengths.
1925	Cambridge	21 mins. 50 secs.	30 lengths.
1926	Cambridge	19 mins. 29 secs.	5 lengths.
1927	Cambridge	20 mins. 14 secs.	3 lengths.
1928	Cambridge	20 mins. 25 secs.	10 lengths.
1929	Cambridge	19 mins. 24 secs.	7 lengths.
1930	Cambridge	19 mins. 9 secs.	2 lengths.
1931	Cambridge	19 mins. 26 secs.	2 1/2 lengths.
1932	Cambridge	19 mins. 31 secs.	5 lengths.
1933	Cambridge	20 mins. 57 secs.	2 1/4 lengths.
1934	Cambridge	18 mins. 3 secs.	4 1/2 lengths.
1935	Cambridge	19 mins. 48 secs.	4 1/2 lengths.

A Fresh Fall

Immediately before the start of the race a "hush" falls on the crowd. A space is cleared to allow the crews to bring their boats from their boathouses to the river.

The losing crew of the previous year, as challengers, row down to the start; the defenders soon follow. Meanwhile the loudspeakers broadcast the voice of the commentator, who stands in a launch close to the "stake boats" that are moored a short distance from Putney Bridge. As the crews approach the "stake boats" the crowds begin to cheer—some for Oxford, some for Cambridge—and to their noise is added the drone of aeroplanes.

At last the boats are in position and the crews ready. In dead silence the umpire from his launch, with a drop of the starter's flag, sends the crews away.

"They're Off!"

"They're off!" roars the crowd. The launches and steamers join in and follow the race, while all along the course thousands of people make sure of a good view by standing on the roofs of houses, factories, warehouses and breweries.

Numerous loudspeakers announce to the crowds the progress of the crews, so that those who have taken up their positions near the starting point, and those who are unable to see owing to the opaqueness of their fellows in front of them, can share in the excitement from start to finish.

Slowly Homewards

Then, when the race is over, most of the multitude moves slowly homewards with, to judge from their cheerful appearance, pleasant memories of a glorious contest, though some wait to see the crews disembark and rush to obtain the autographs of the winners.

On the night following the race London goes gay and numerous balls are held and merry crowds gather in the streets to catch a glimpse of the crews as they leave the theatres.

Boat Race day is likely to be remembered by those who see it because of the orderliness of the crowds, their patient waiting, their good humour, quiet expectancy and hilarious enthusiasm.

Up to date 87 races have been rowed. Cambridge have won 45, Oxford 40, and there has been one deadheat. Oxford won for 9 years in succession, from 1890-98; Cambridge have won 12 years in succession, 1923-35.

The Boat Race this year promises to be one of the most interesting for many years. It will be a closely fought contest, and the winner—it may be, Oxford—will win only by a very small margin.

LAWN BOWLS

K.B.G.C. To Meet D.R.C. To-day

The K.B.G.C. will be at home, this afternoon, in a friendly lawn bowls match, to the Dockyard Recreation Club, who will be represented by:

S. Bright, F. Morley, W. Phelps and C. Summons (Skip).
R. Snook, J. Hollidge, C. E. Hosking and J. Cavanagh (Skip).
F. Harper, R. Read, A. Meloy and A. A. Lewis (Skip).
P. O'Connell, S. Alderman, F. Goodman and W. Gill (Skip).

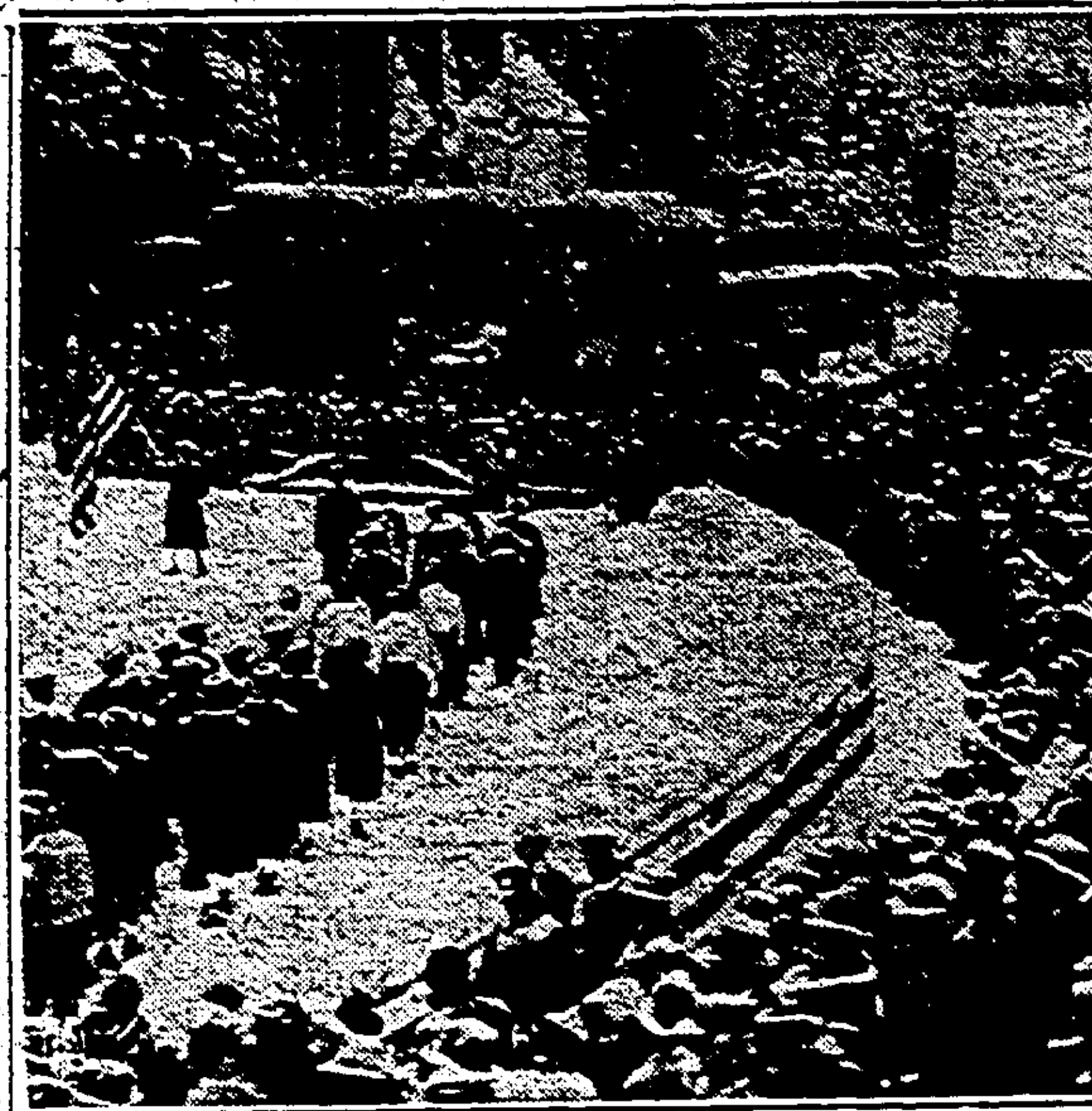
RIFLE SHOOT

Capt. Rybot, with a score of 98 points, returned the best card at the Spoon and Practice Shoot held by the Hong Kong Rifle Association at the Army Range last Wednesday, while L/Sergt. Jones (91) returned the best score at the shoot held on the Naval Range, Stonecutters, a week previously.

Annual Kowloon-Happy Valley Golf Match Teams

The following are the pairings for the annual golf match between the Kowloon Golf Club and Happy Valley Golf Club, which will take place over the Kowloon City course on Good Friday, April 16:

Kowloon Golf Club	H.K. Golf Club
D. C. Wilson	K. S. Robertson
R. E. Collins	A. T. Briley
W. Taylor	A. McKellar
A. J. Dennis	W. A. Stewart
G. Milne	A. D. Humphreys



This early photo of the Winter Olympics at Garmisch-Partenkirchen shows the American contingent marching by the reviewing stand, preceded by the American flag.

TIENTSIN F. C. WIN SOCCER CUP

French Army Eleven Beaten By Odd Goal In Five

Tientsin, March 25: Over 2,000 spectators witnessed the Tientsin Football Club defeat the French Army eleven by 3 goals to 2 in the final of the soccer cup on Sunday afternoon.

Johanson, the all-round athlete who has been in the Interport team for the past half decade, scored the winning goal for the Club.

LADIES' GOLF

Mr. Brown Qualifies For Captain's Cup

Mrs. C. B. Brown, with a score of 100—31=69, qualified for the Captain's Cup Competition for March on the New Course at Fanling.

Mrs. McGowan (99—18=81) won the Silver Division of the L.G.U. Medal Competition on March 10, on which date there was no return in the Bronze Division.

The L.G.U. Medal Competitions on March 17 were won by Mrs. Hillier (Silver) with a score of 99—17=82 and Mrs. C. B. Brown (Bronze) who returned a card of 100—31=69.

GOLF NOTES

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for the alterations is seriously thinking of calling in the R. E.'s and a large quantity of T.N.T. to uproot the "cement settee."

OVERHEARD AT THE NINETEENTH

"..... and Fred says a quick back swing has its points—it gets the agony over quicker."
"..... and you say golf does not help agriculture—phooey!"
"..... what about corn, rye and hops?"
"..... and the Rev. Arthur always says 'Shing Mun' when he fiddles a shot—it's the biggest dam around this part of the world."

"..... and the Committee's forming a new rule for Eustace—no competition may commence at the 19th."

UNIVERSITY SPORTS MEETING TO-DAY

The annual sports meeting of the Hong Kong University will take place to-day, commencing at 1.30 p.m., on the sports ground, Pokfulam.

INTER-UNIT BOXING

East Lancs. Beat Fusiliers

NOVICES' SEMI-FINALS

Some good boxing was seen at the Shamshuipo Camp last night when the East Lancs. beat the Fusiliers in the semi-final of the Inter-Unit Novices' team boxing tournament. The East Lancs., who won by 24 points to 21, will meet the Rifles in the Final next week.

The results were as follows:
Bantamweight—Fus. Taylor (89) beat Pte. Walsh (East Lancs.).

Featherweight—(1st string) Cpl. Greave (R.W.F.) beat Pte. Hallows; (2nd string) Fus. Haven beat Pte. Gaunt (East Lancs.).

Lightweight—(1st string) Fus. Bray beat Pte. Litchfield (East Lancs.); (2nd string) Fus. Ryan lost to Pte. Caffery (East Lancs.); (3rd string) Fus. Wright lost to Pte. Williams (East Lancs.).

Welterweight—(1st string) L/Cpl. Roberts (OI) beat Pte. Hardy (East Lancs.); (2nd string) Fus. (East Lancs.); (2nd string) Fus. Harrison lost to Pte. Herbert (East Lancs.); (3rd string) Fus. Smith lost to Pte. Burns (East Lancs.); (4th string) Fus. Keating beat Pte. Smith (East Lancs.).

Middleweight—(1st string) Fus. Hughes (82) lost to Pte. Thomas (East Lancs.); (2nd string) L/Cpl. Turner (OI) lost to Pte. Oldham (East Lancs.); (3rd string) Fus. Edwards lost to Pte. Taylor (East Lancs.).

Light-heavy weight—Fus. Burridge knocked out by Pte. Thistlewaite (East Lancs.) in the second round.

Heavyweight—Fus. Frimston lost to Pte. Harmsworth (East Lancs.).

At 8 o'clock to-night the Royal Ulster Rifles will meet the Royal Welch Fusiliers in the Open team inter-unit semi-final at Murray Barracks.

BIG SWEEP DRAW

Ambulance Cup Event

The following is the result of the Draw of the \$1 Special Cash Sweep on the Ambulance Cup, which will be decided at Kwantia this afternoon:

	Drawn by Ticket No.
Pony	23674
Glenshee	33077
High West	14761
No Fear	45433
Punch	20427
Soldier of Italy	25011
Spinaway	23983
That's That	34590
The Minx	11377, 12340, 15104, 24918, 25479, 25462, 30047, 30563, 31835, 32970

Altogether 29,069 tickets were sold, the first prize being \$13,616.20; the second prize \$3,890.24 and the third prize \$1,945.17. The other unplaced ponies (started or not) will each receive \$432.25. The consolation prizes are \$50 each.

END OF THE SEASON CRICKET

One League Match To-day

CLUB SHOULD BEAT R. E.

(By L. R. W.)

Now that the Kowloon Cricket Club have won the senior cricket shield, and with the junior championship almost decided, interest is beginning to flag in the cricket League, though there still remain a few games to be played.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club juniors will meet the Royal Engineers in the Second Division of the League to-day on the Club ground and should win in spite of the fact that the Sappers have a very useful side. N. P. Fox and I. S. Forbes, both of whom played for the Club first eleven against the Civil Service Cricket Club last week, should make good scores, while the former might also come off with the ball.

The K.C.C. First Division champions, were to have played the Rest of the League to-day, but it was found impossible to get together a Rest side at short notice so this match has been put off, possibly until next Saturday.

According to the fixture cards, the only other match arranged for to-day is that between the Civil Service juniors and the Central British School, who have two very useful players in R. Holden and W. Baxter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Hockey Umpires

[To the Editor, "China Mail"]
Sir,—Umpiring Hockey, or any other game can be a very difficult task, and most unsatisfactory to spectators and players alike, if the umpires do not know the rules. I am hinting at the Scotland v. England, India v. Portugal and England v. Portugal games in connection with the local International Hockey Tournament which was recently decided. I witnessed all these games, and I think that a few points are worth disclosure.

(1) In the game between Scotland v. England, the umpiring, to say the least, was disgustingly appalling, and I am more than sure I will be backed up by the biggest majority of the spectators who witnessed the game. England won by 4 goals to 1, but of the three goals which carried them into the final two were off-side and the other definitely "sticks". It must have been disheartening to the Scots' players to be eliminated from the tournament so unsatisfactorily, after playing a hard game.

(2) The game between India and Portugal brought out the best in both teams and I am sure all those who witnessed the game must have thought there was no dull moment throughout. The umpiring in this game was really very good, and Major Campbell and Mr. Dand are to be congratulated for the manner in which they controlled the game, but Mr. Dand, in the opinion of many, made one error which proved fatal for India. He awarded a goal to Portugal which was scored in the following manner:—

A Portuguese attacker hit the ball from outside the India "D" and in attempting to clear an Indian defender, inside his own "D", deflected the ball into his own goal. I think I am right in saying that a corner should have been awarded to Portugal.

As I have said earlier, in this letter, the game was a splendid one, and I can only wish India the best of luck next year.

Another point occurred during the game between Portugal and England in the final. Here again the umpiring was good, but Mr. Palmer seems to have a wrong interpretation of the short corner rule, or is it I? Mr. Palmer awarded a short corner to one of the sides and immediately the ball was hit he blew his whistle, signalling that half time had arrived. Should he not have waited until the ball was "dead" or some infringement committed? In conclusion I vote for good hockey and for good umpiring to be attained—good umpiring is one of the essentials—so let us wait till next season.

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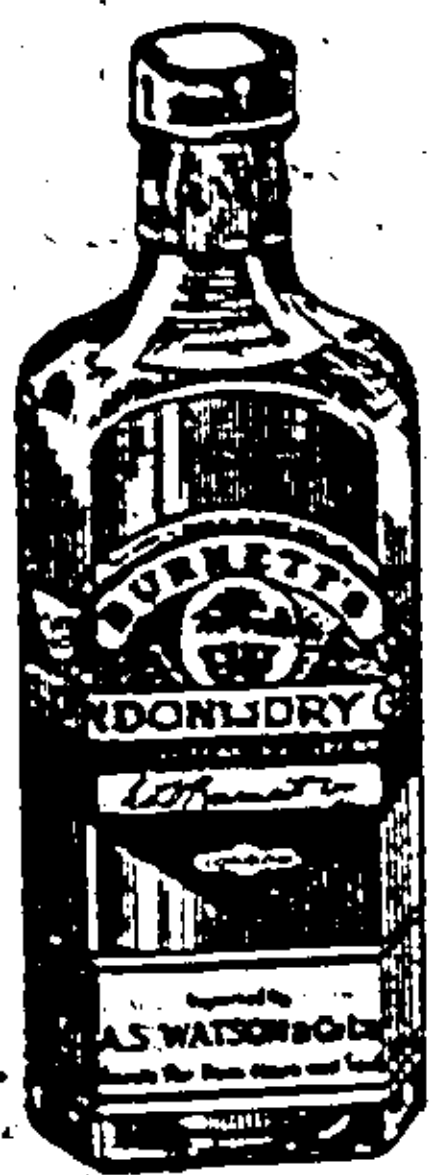
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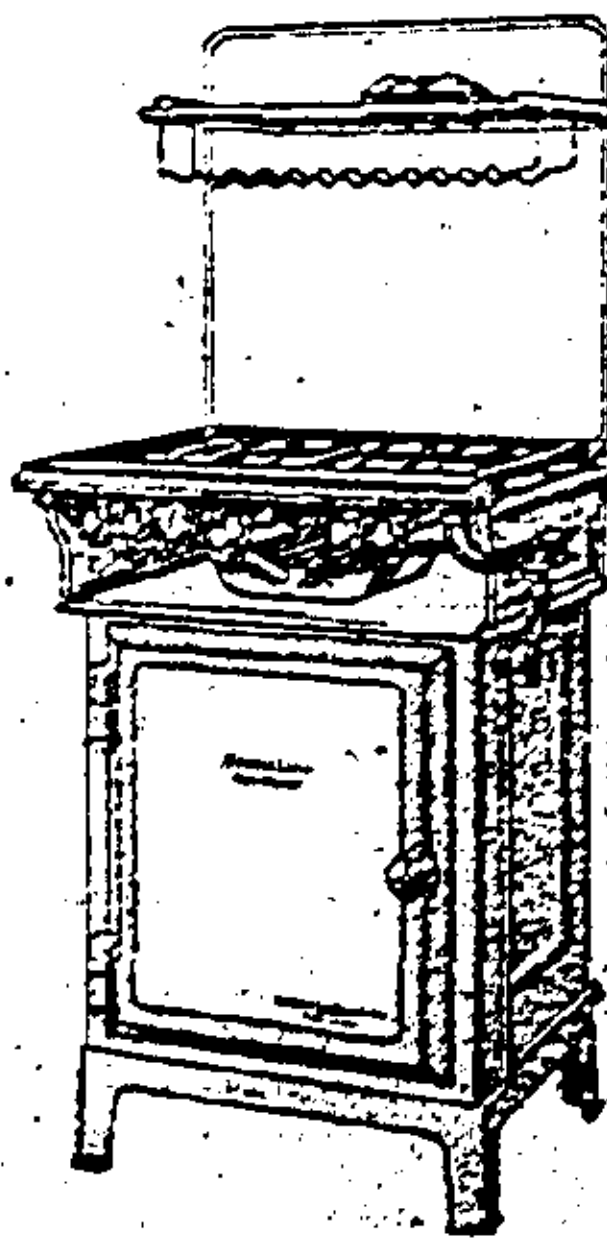
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Future Outlook For India

The outlook for the future of India is brighter at the present moment than it has been for many years past—longer than those with the interests of the country at heart care to remember. The most important aspect of the hopes for the future is the knowledge that the great experiment of constitutional reform is about to be put to the test, and that that test is being carried out in the most favourable circumstances possible. First of all, in the new Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, under whose guardianship the "awfully big adventure" is to take place, India has secured the services of the best possible man on the spot. He brings to his high office not only that integrity of purpose and fidelity to duty which are a *sine qua non* for anybody who accepts the onerous position of Viceroy, but also an intimate knowledge of the country, its peoples, its problems and the ideals of the "senior partner" of the firm. The new chapter in the relations of Britain and India may be said to have started from the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms of 1920. The last 16 years have seen much unrest, suspicion and hostility on all sides, no less among the extremists among the Indian politicians than among the die-hards on the British side. On the one hand the "betrayal" of British interests in the country has been reviled; on the other hand every attempt to stem the tide of excessive "demands" has equally been denounced as "betrayal." Only the still small voice of the moderates in both camps has taken a long time to make itself heard above the din.

But latterly more sober counsels have prevailed. The most important State document of the century, the new Act relating to the government of India, was passed by Parliament after the most searching enquiry, the closest examination, the bitterest opposition of the extremists on both sides that any such constitutional programme has ever been vouchsafed. Whatever its shortcomings—and they will most certainly make themselves felt in due course—it would seem that one thing has been accomplished: at long last Great Britain has been able, at least partly, to convince India of the sincerity of her motives. They are not entirely disinterested, in the sense that England simply cannot afford to hand over the government of the country, lock, stock and barrel, to the hordes; the experiment at constitutional reform must be hedged about with safeguards of some sort. But on the other hand the proposals have gone further, in practical form, towards the bestowal of full self-government than anybody would have dreamed possible 50 years ago. The drift towards a sharing of responsibility has been more than marked; it has been phenomenal. In all but two or three of the veriest essentials—foreign policy, defence, economic affairs—virtual autonomy has been granted. The gradual dissolution and abandonment of control is fully allowed for. In fact, on the success of the experiment rests the decision whether complete and final self-government will ever be attained.

As far as the financial position of India is concerned, the experiment could hardly be beginning in better circumstances.

ROOT OF ALL EVIL

Money — Or Lack
Of It?

SOCIAL PLANNING FOR LABOUR

(By JOYCE PYDDOKE)
The root of all evil, according to a popular misquotation, is always said to be money. One glance at the state of Europe to-day would, however, suggest that the root of all evil is the lack of money, or at least material possessions. The "Have-Nots" are glaring greedily at the "Haves" and the "Haves" are accumulating armaments to protect their possessions.

It is surely an exploded theory that if you have a gun you are all right and so longer afraid. You are really much more afraid, and much more likely to use the gun.

This was pointed out by Dr. Lewis L. Lorwin recently during his speech at the League of Nations Union Conference in London on "The I.L.O. (International Labour Office) and World Planning." Dr. Lorwin pointed out that our present state of wishing to base prosperity on rearmament is really the failure on our part to work out social policies upon which economic activity can rest.

Some Suggestions
Dr. Lorwin made various suggestions for helping to solve the present tension. The chief of these was that the principles already applied by the International Labour Office should be applied more widely, and more widely known. The I.L.O. aims to equalise conditions in all countries, to obtain expert opinion on all questions of conflict, and to give representation at its conferences to workers, employers and Governments.

Dr. Lorwin further suggested that a series of permanent committees should be set up, to deal with all such matters as they arose.

Freer Trade Wanted
I think most people who are only too anxious to ensure world peace have urged that the colonies and the question of property as a whole should be reconsidered. Dr. Lorwin had something to say about that attitude, and he was not in favour of it. He said that it was much more important to give all countries of the world an opportunity to benefit by the prosperity of a colony than actually to redistribute land. This would seem to suggest that a policy of Freer Trade would be more beneficial in the long run than the handing over of colonies or mandated territory.

Dr. Lorwin's contribution to the Conference was a most valuable one, for he is a well-known authority on his subject. Before joining the staff of the International Labour Office he was a member of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., and he is the author of many books on labour and economic planning.

When Sir James Grigg, the Finance Member, introduced his last budget he was able to announce a realised surplus of £1,260,000 in excess of his expectations, to reduce further the excess taxation proposed in the crisis of 1931, to provide for the damage of the Quetta earthquake, and to aid the provinces, whose revenues have not shown the same elasticity as that of the centre. Looking ahead for a period of two years the Finance Member foresaw additional surpluses and made provision for health measures, rural reconstruction and broadcasting. In short, there is every clear indication that India, late in feeling the world depression, has again shown her marvellous powers of recuperation from economic troubles. The fear was often expressed that the country would not be able to find the money to start the reforms. That fear is removed by the clear indication of returning prosperity. The stage is set. With a man like Lord Linlithgow at the head of affairs and the favourable financial outlook, the country has a fine chance to create a future full of hope. All that is wanted in goodwill on all sides. Fortunately, there is every indication that that goodwill will be forthcoming.

Here There and Everywhere

MR. ABERHART EASTENS
SLOWLY

Some obscurity surrounds the Alberta appeal to Major Douglas to go to Edmonton and assist the Government.

In the agreement between the Social Credit prophet and the Social Credit Government there is no mention of Social Credit itself. Major Douglas was to act as "Principal Reconstruction Adviser."

He has given notice of his intention to end this agreement, but declares he is ready to aid any administration—"in Alberta or elsewhere"—which intends to take definite action towards achieving the Social Credit objectives.

It is, in fact, noticeable that Mr. Aberhart has so far favoured orthodox methods in tackling financial difficulties which are an unpleasant legacy from previous Administrations.

Alberta has a public debt of \$38,734,000. Of this, \$570,000 had been added in the six months before he came into power.

Your Daily Smile!

Jones, phoning to the hospital inquiring for his wife, "How is my wife to-day?"

Matron—"Who's speaking?"

Jones—"Her husband."

HE WRITES

When Simple Celia's brother was younger, people used to say, "He's a smart boy—you'll hear from him some day." And sure enough, the family does, whenever he needs money.

BRIGHT LIGHTS

A trade journal declares that British-made lamp-shades are used in every country in the world. They are made, of course, to go all round the globe.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

A Regular Shipper

MR. Noah Franklin of Lexington, Ill., who, in 1923 was the oldest living stockman actively in the business, shipped his first drove of cattle to Chicago in 1850, four years before the first railroad, taking 9 days to cover the 120 miles. He continued unfailingly for 78 years. The total was more than 25,000 head, their value aggregating about \$2,000,000. He stuck to his specialty year after year and made it pay.

ITALY'S GAINS IN ABYSSINIA

NO PRECISE CONQUEST —INDICATED

DANGEROUS ELEMENTS THREATEN ANY PEACEFUL FUTURE

(By Mortimer Durand)

HOW stands Italy now in relation to the regions of Abyssinia which she has overrun? If the campaign were brought to a close at this moment, leaving the invaders in control of the districts they have already occupied, could their gains be reckoned as to any extent secure? I think there would be some very stiff problems for them to face.

In the first place, I doubt if a peace signed between Italy and the Ethiopian Emperor would be a peace as far as Ras Seyum is concerned. Seyum has lost all, or practically all, of the territory which was his. His great enemy, the shifty-eyed Ras Gussa, is lording it in his place.

Degiac Cassa Sebat, too, has suffered a similar loss. He proved himself an able commander by his ambush of the Mariotti column in Enda gorge, though his disappearance during the night at a time when everything was in his favour seems to argue a lack of tenacity. He and Seyum, having been neighbouring chiefs, are likely to work in concert.

Some Talk Of Babi

They were in close touch before the occupation of Makalle. Mr. Herbert Matthews, of the *New York Times*, found an envelope in Sebat's ghebi (palace) there. It was addressed to the Degiac in a handwriting that was anything but a penman's, and in the top left corner was a crest—a drawing of one of the famous monoliths in Aksum surrounded by a wreath and surmounted by a crown—under which was printed "S.A.R." (Son Altesse Royale) and then Seyum's name written in the French style, with an acute accent over the e.

Although I heard in Asmara that the political bureau was negotiating with Seyum, and that the delay in his surrender was merely a matter of fixing a price—rumour had it that he was asking a million lire—the fighting at Mai Timchet, Ad Gaga pass, and so on, in which his forces were undoubtedly en-

gaged, makes it look as if the bargain, if ever there was one, has fallen through.

With these two chiefs unpacified, the Tigre would be no place for peaceful Italian farmers, and strong forces would have to be kept out there to retain it under the Italian flag. It is quite likely, too, that Seyum and Sebat would receive a lot of help from other chiefs, even if this were surreptitious.

Obstacles

Apart from the possibility of continued guerilla fighting, the parts of Ethiopia I have seen present quite enough obstacles to development. I think it will be a very long time before any appreciable number of the 630,000 Italian unemployed could be absorbed there, except, perhaps as road-workers.

The development of communications has been the greatest difficulty up to date, and their further development for peace-time purposes and their maintenance would be a costly and arduous business.

If and when the Italians settle in the country, supposing a prosperous farmer in the plain at Makalle were producing something for export, his product would have to be transported over nearly 300 miles of mountains roads to reach Massawa.

Many Italians assured me that Ethiopia is rich in minerals, and that there is a strong possibility of their finding oil there. They pointed out that a gold-mine is being worked in Eritrea, though it is only a small one and not lucrative.

Founded On Hearsay

The richness of Ethiopia in minerals and oil may be true, and I have heard it stated that Lake Tsana could provide valuable mineral salts, but my inquiries always showed that these contentions were founded on hearsay, and I never succeeded in discovering the source of the reports.

If it were true, the mines and wells would have to be very rich to repay the cost of all the transport involved.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



HONG KONG'S DIRECT AIR LINK WITH EUROPE



for STAMP COLLECTORS

By A. E. L.

It is suggested, unofficially of course, by the London Philatelic Magazine, that the famous stamp collection of His Late Majesty King George V be preserved intact for the nation.

The King had been a member of the Royal Philatelic Society since 1893. He was president of the body, and in March, 1904, personally read a paper on the stamps of King Edward VII. Upon his accession he relinquished the presidency and became a patron, an honour he also extended to the Sydney Philatelic Club and the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

Amongst the King's collection were the original pencil sketch of the "Mulready" envelope, Rowland Hill's rough water-colour sketches for the first stamps, and the original approved colour sketches for practically all British Empire stamps of his reign.

In issued stamps of the Empire, the collection is virtually complete, including such rarities as "Post Office" Mauritius, the West Australian Swan with inverted frame, and the British 10s. King Edward "I. R. OFFICIAL".

Of many stamps His Majesty possessed the only known specimen.

The highest price the King is known to have paid was \$7,250 for the 2d. "Post Office" Mauritius. The collection is contained in 150 volumes, housed in the Stamp Room, Buckingham Palace.

New Empire Stamps

"We can hardly imagine that Colonies that now have pictorial designs which incorporate the portrait of King George will be content merely to replace his likeness by that of King Edward, writes the G. S. M. Entirely new designs will be chosen in many cases and thus the Empire will be still more fully illustrated in our collections."

"Whether Georgian stamps at present in preparation will be issued will depend on the circumstances of each individual case. Some Colonies will not be able to carry on, unless supplies of the new series are issued, while others may decide to scrap what has been done and proceed immediately with the preparation of their new Edwardian series. There will doubtless be a number of short-lived emissions during the next few months, and it therefore behoves collectors to get all new issues immediately they appear. Whatever may happen, it seems certain that we are entering upon a very interesting period in the philatelic history of the Empire."

New Zealand.—I have been advised that there will be two Anzac Commemoration stamps, values ½d. and 1d. They will be about the size of the latest Health pictorial in a single design showing a member of the heroic Gallipoli landing party, with the famous Anzac Cove in the background. They will be on sale for approximately six weeks from April 27.

The 1935 "Health" stamp was withdrawn on January 11.

Zanzibar.—The silver jubilee of H.H. the Sultan on December 9 this year will be the occasion of a special stamp issue.

Cook Islands and Niue.—On April 1 the 2d., 6d. and 1s. stamps appeared on paper watermarked "NZ" and star.

Peru.—The 4th century of the founding of Callao will be celebrated in August by the following special issue, viz.—

2 c. 100,000 35 c. 100,000
4 c. 100,000 50 c. 50,000
5 c. 100,000 1 sol. 25,000
10 c. 200,000 2 s. 10,000
15 c. 100,000 5 s. 7,500
20 c. 100,000 10 s. 5,000

for the appearance of special 10 c. and 15 c. stamps. The design of the latter will incorporate a reproduction of the 1853 Madrid local issue.

Andorra.—Instead of making a new issue Andorra has decided that it will be cheaper to have fresh printings from the old plates of the current French types. Three values (2, 3 and 5 c.) have already appeared, and are distinguishable by their shades; which are rather deeper than those of the original issue.

France.—Another Charity stamp is in preparation, this time a 75 c. value in aid of refugees. The premium to be placed upon it is not yet known. There will possibly be a special issue for the centenary of the death of Lumiere next June. We also hear that the similar centenary of the physicist, Ampere, will be philatellically commemorated during the year.

The 1929 5 fr. on 1 fr. Postage Due (S.G. D72) is now obsolete.

French Colonies, Madagascar.—The current recess-printed General Gallieni type is being withdrawn to-day (March 1st) and will be replaced by a similar design but printed by heliogravure. The 50 c., 2 fr. and 3 fr. stamps of this new issue appeared on February 3.

Philippine Islands.—I learn from various sources that the numbers printed of the two "China Clipper" provisionals are as follows:—
10 c. 500,000
30 c. 350,000
In *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* we read that only 2,543 covers were despatched to the United States from Manila on the first flight, so they should be quite scarce.

United States.—On February 10 the 16 c. Special Delivery Air Mail stamp was issued in two colours, blue (centre) and red (border). According to the official advice this change has been made in order that the stamp may be more distinctive and easily recognised, thereby contributing to the prompt handling of mail bearing it.

D.B.S. SPORTS

Kowloon Footballer In Limelight

NEW HIGH JUMP RECORD

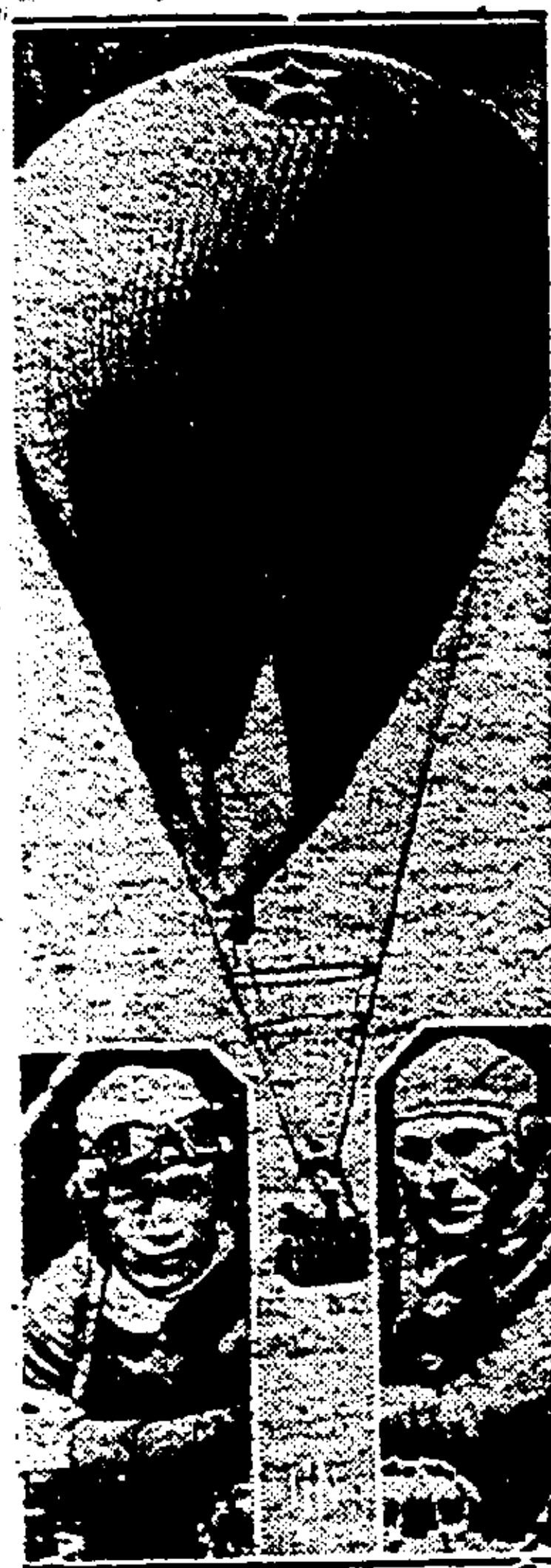
Some very interesting sports was witnessed at the Annual Athletic Meeting of the Diocesan Boys' School, which was held on the school ground yesterday.

D. Knox, the Kowloon footballer, was the outstanding athlete, creating a new school record for the High Jump by clearing 5 feet 8 inches after he had won the event at 5 feet. He also did well in the Long Jump and Shot Put, but both past records were not available at the time.

The prizes were not distributed yesterday, but will be at the next suitable school function.

Detailed Results

The following were the detailed results:—
100 Yards (Senior):—
1. D. Knox; 2. E. Chung; 3. J. Winyard. Time: 10 3/5 secs.
100 Yards (Middle):—
1. J. Fenton; 2. Chan Chung-ho; 3. Poon Wing-koon. Time: 11 secs.
100 Yards (Junior):—
1. Chan King-chung; 2. Cheuk Man-lee; 3. Chen Ling-man. Time: 13 2/5 secs.
High Jump (Senior):—
1. D. Knox; 2. Li Kwong-tai; 3. G. Willis and Kwan Wah-hing. Height: 5 ft. 8 1/2 ins. (Record).
440 Yards (Middle):—
1. E. G. Chang; 2. J. Fenton; 3. Chan King-ho. Time: 1 min. 6 3/5 secs.
440 Yards (Junior):—
1. Chan King-chung; 2. Cheuk Man-lee; 3. E. Read. Time: 1 min. 17 4/5 secs.
440 Yards (Senior):—
1. E. G. Chang; 2. E. McCormick; 3. K. Knight. Time: 1 min. 0 1/5 secs.



Captain Orville Anderson (left) and Captain Randolph Williams (right) recently made a sub-stratosphere flight at East St. Louis, Illinois, to test the instruments which will be used in the gondola on their next stratosphere flight.

CORRESPONDENCE

Hong Kong Musical Society

[To The Editor "China Mail"]
Sir,—The Society will esteem it a favour if you will allow your columns to be used for the purpose of drawing the attention of its members to the forthcoming piano and song recital by Madame Bonenfant and Frau Muller. These artistes made a profound impression on all those who attended their concert on February 14. The concert is to be repeated on the 15th instant at the Helena May Institute at 9.15 p.m. in response to earnest requests made by many music-lovers in Hong Kong, who had either been present or who had heard enthusiastic reports from others.

We are authorised to say that His Excellency the Governor is amongst those who have encouraged the artistes to return and has indicated his intention of again being present on Wednesday week. May we take this opportunity of explaining that one of the principal aims of this Society is to ensure that its members get to hear of exceptional musical events. If this incidentally helps to increase the attendance at the concert hall and thus provides encouragement to an artist, so much the better.

In case the ordinary method of publicity by posters may fail to come to their notice in time to prevent them from being otherwise engaged, this special notice is inserted for the benefit of those who were unable to attend on the last occasion, or of those who are anxious to hear this programme again.

CATHERINE KING,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong Musical Society.

Long Jump (Middle):—
1. J. Fenton; 2. W. Young; 3. Chan Yuenk-ming. Distance: 15 ft. 7 ins.

Inter-house Relay Race:—
1. Blue House; 2. Green House; 3. Brown House.

Shot Put (Senior):—
1. D. Knox; 2. J. Dudley; 3. J. Bockler. Distance: 42 ft. 7 ins.

One Mile (Middle):—
1. M. Sully; 2. E. Read; 3. Peter Fok. Time: 6 mins. 4 secs.

One Mile (Senior):—
1. J. Winyard; 2. Wong Cheong-kit; 3. K. Knight. Time: 5 mins. 34 secs.

Inter-house Championship:—
Won by Blue House.

The following events were decided during the week:—

200 Yards (Senior):—
1. J. Winyard; 2. G. Willis; 3. E. McCormick.

880 Yards (Senior):—
1. Wong Cheong-kit; 2. K. Knight; 3. E. Chung.

3 Miles (Senior):—
1. Wong Cheong-kit; 2. K. Knight; 3. Ko Wing-lam.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—
1. N. Pinchong; 2. E. Maruyama; 3. D. Knox.

880 Yards (Middle):—
1. M. Sully; 2. J. Read; 2. W. Young.

IMMENSE VALUE OF NEW SERVICE

BRITISH EMPIRE'S CHAIN OF COMMUNICATIONS

INVOLVED POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS

WITH the departure of Imperia Airways four-engined airliner Dorado from Hong Kong for Penang one more important link was forged in the chain of the great Imperial Air routes.

The announcement of this regular weekly service between Penang and Hong Kong, following so closely the recent extension of Imperial Airways from the main African trunk route whereby Khartoum is now regularly linked up with the west coast of Africa, brought into strong relief the quiet and unobtrusive expansion of British air interests throughout the Empire.

The task undertaken by our National Company (Imperial Airways and its associated and subsidiary companies) is no mean one. It is no less than the task of ultimately linking up by air the whole of the great structure of the British Empire. Apart from the pioneering work involved, the experimental flights, the collating and sifting of meteorological data and the organisation of innumerable details preparatory to the opening of a new route to the public, there are intricate matters of a diplomatic nature to be tackled whereby the transit of foreign countries en route may be effected with efficiency and good-will.

It is only after four and a half years of involved political negotiations that a happy conclusion has been brought about, which now enables Hong Kong to be brought within 10 days of London and to within 6/7 days of the main cities of Australia; and with this newly formed link no vivid imagination is required to assess its value to the British Empire in terms of letter airmail and the general speeding up of the Imperial communications, without taking into consideration the value to the Chinese community, whether in China, Malaya or Siam, of a service which will bring into closer contact the extensive commerce which their large population in these areas so naturally sustains.

Airmail Demand
The airmail demand for the new route—which provides an immediate connection at Penang with the main Imperial trunk route between London and Singapore and vice versa—was such as to require that the bulk of the available space in the first machine was reserved for the carriage of letter airmail. Nothing but the

first few weeks of the new service can demonstrate its potential value to the airmail user, and such accommodation as may later become available for passengers will be at very economic rates; the single fares have been fixed at Singapore/Hong Kong £35, Penang/Hong Kong £30 and London/Hong Kong £175, intermediate fares approximately correspond in proportion.

Penang's Growth
Penang as an airport centre is basking in its rapidly increasing importance; it is scarcely six months ago since Bayan Lepas Aerodrome was formally declared open for civil use and by reason of its geographical position it has proved that it will provide for mail and passengers at least that short cut to China which supporters of the Kra Canal project dream of, but without the cost or the engineering difficulties.

As a further stage ahead in a well-defined programme of civil air transport development, it is confidently expected that Malaya will open in the comparatively near future a civil airport at Kota Bharu on the east coast. This not only indicates the possibility of opening up the east coast in relation to local plans for an internal Malayan service, but it will contribute also to the more convenient operation of the Penang/Hong Kong route. The latter, meantime, is necessarily operated in long stages, some of which involve sea crossings, which in turn, demand a very high margin of fuel reserve.

Invaluable Port
Kota Bharu as a regular port of call on the Hong Kong route will prove invaluable not only as a landing and refuelling point but also for the dissemination of weather reports. How essential these reports are will be readily appreciated when it is realised that the greater part of the country to be flown over between Penang and the east coast of Malaya is mountainous and uncharted, that further east there is approximately 300 miles of sea to be crossed between the east coast of Malaya and the nearest coastal point in French Indo-China, and that before Saigon, the first port of call, is reached, the aircraft will have flown some 600 miles from Penang.

"Pilots of aeroplanes flying across Egypt shall deposit a sum of about £500 with the authorities before starting on the flight."

The Egyptian Civil Aviation Department is to propose this regulation for foreign aircraft in Egyptian territory. The money will be used to form a fund for the rescue of airmen lost in the desert.

The matter was brought to the notice of the authorities after the French airman, M. de Saint-Exupery, crashed in the western desert during his flight to Saigon. He and his mechanic were feared days without food or water before being found.

The search cost the Egyptian Government about £500.

Less Control Of Civil Flying In England

It is learned that exemption of another light aeroplane from Government inspection and control will be announced by the Air Ministry shortly.

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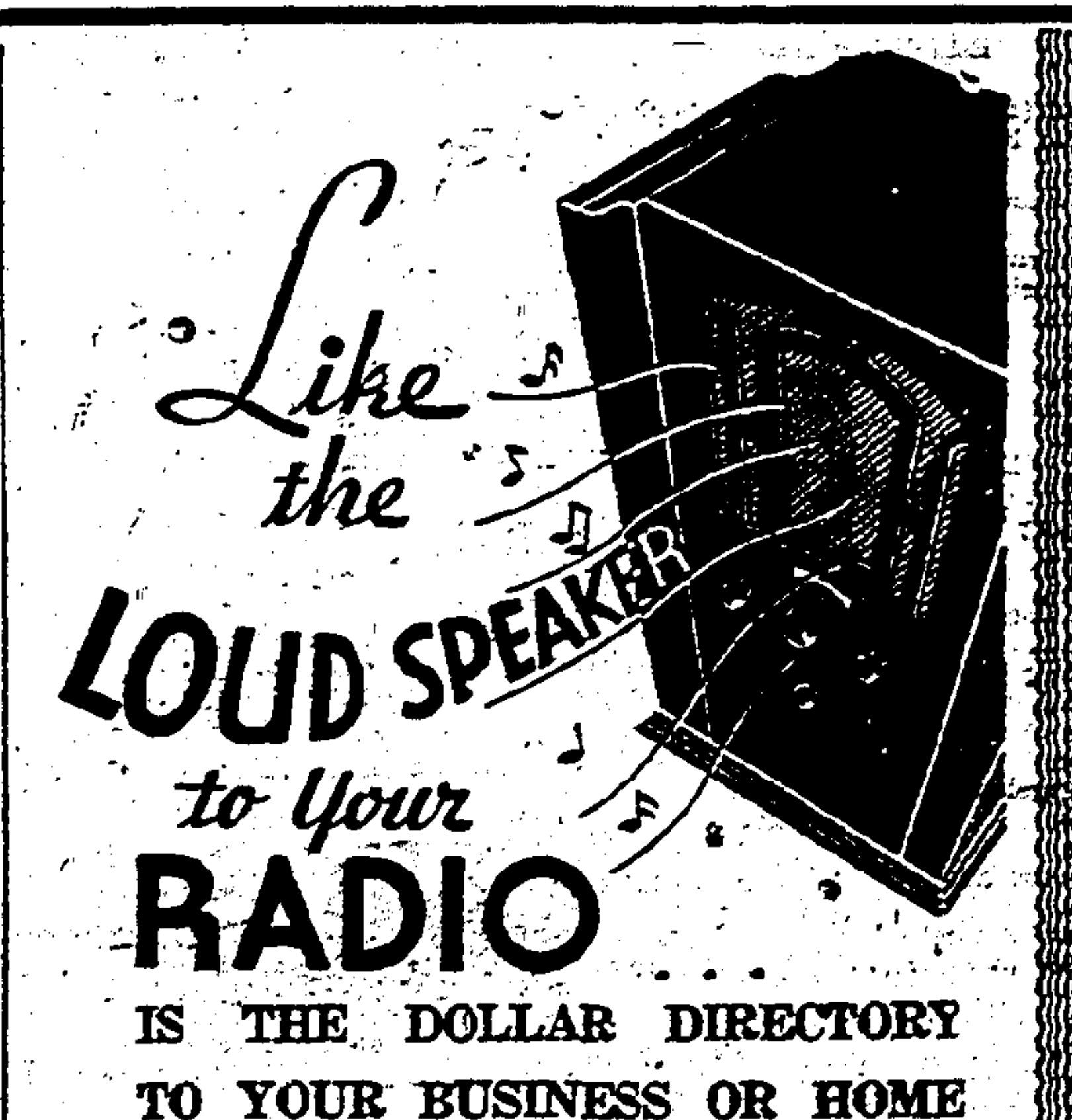
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MARKETMessrs. Harriman's
Weekly Report

Messrs. G. A. Harriman & Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued at noon to-day states:—

With the exception of one or two local stocks, more particularly Cements, Philippine gold mining shares monopolised the attention of our market and trading was very brisk in this section. Local stocks were very firm at slightly over quotations during the week but business was undoubtedly restricted owing to the increasing popularity of Gold Mining securities. Scrip however was very scarce in the local investment section and quite a strong feature of the week were Hong Kong Lands which rose from \$30 to \$33½, enjoying an unsatisfied demand right up to the close of business. Hong Kong Electric was a shade easier at one time having changed hands down to \$51.75 but a strong demand eventually set in at \$52. Telephones (old) came to business at \$25/25.15 closing steady at the former rate. Hong Kong Trams again slipped to a new low record of \$10.35 after sales at \$10.40. Minor issues ruled quieter. Hotels gave way slightly to a buying rate of \$4.10 after shares had changed hands at \$4.12½. Providents (old) were dealt in at \$1.20 closing in demand at \$1.15. China Lights (old) remained in steady demand at \$10.40 with business done at \$10.45/50. Cements were the most prominent feature of the local market, being in very strong demand throughout owing to persistent rumour of fresh contracts and rose steadily from \$3.10 to \$3.15.

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LOCAL SHARE
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Messrs. G. A. Harriman & Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued at noon to-day states:—

Business during the week has been done at the following prices: H.K. Banks \$1555. Unions \$561/565. Benguet Explorations 20/24 cts. Demonstrations 65/66½ cts. Gold Rivers 7/8 cts. United Paracales at 65 cts. to 68 cts. Sterling counters were rather active with Hong Kong Banks done at \$1.555 and Unions at \$561/65. The tone of the market at the close is firm in all sections with a very slow but steady upward tendency.

BUSINESS DONE DURING
THE WEEK

Hong Kong Banks \$1555.
Union Insurances \$561, \$562½, \$565.
Providents (Old) \$1.30, \$1.20.
Hotels \$4.12½.
Lands \$32½, \$33, \$33½.
Star Ferries \$34.
Humphreys \$3.
Tramways \$10.40.
China Lights (Old) \$10.45.
Electricities \$52½, \$52¾, \$51¾, \$52.
Telephones (Old) \$25.15.
Cements \$8.35, \$8.15.
Sinceres \$2.
Sandakan Lights \$8, \$8.30.
Antamoks \$2.15.
Baguio Gold 28 cts., 27½ cts.
Benguet Exploration 22 cts., 21 cts., 20 cts.
Demonstration 66 cts., 66½ cts.
Gold Rivers 7 cts.
Itogons \$1.03.
San Mauricio \$1.04, \$1.07.
Salacots 15 cts., 14½ cts.
United Paracale 64½ cts., 65 cts., 67 cts., 68 cts.

CHANGES (3.15 p.m.) CLOSING
QUOTATIONS

BUYERS
Union Insurances \$562½.
Hotels \$4.10.
China Lights (Old) \$10.40.
Cements \$8¾.

SALES
Union Insurances \$565.
Lands \$32½/33½.
Baguio Gold 27½ cts.

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKET

Irregularly Dull

UNCERTAIN ATTITUDE
ADOPTED

Messrs. White, Weld and Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, report:—

Stocks: The market today was irregularly dull, with traders adopting an uncertain attitude. The failure to push through indicates that a trading position is advisable. Business done: 1,560,000 shares.

Cotton: This market was barely steady and inactive. There was some buying by the Trade, with selling by foreign interests. New-crop cotton was largely neglected. Traders are now waiting for more definite developments in connection with the disposal of the Government's stock of loan cotton.

Wheat: The wheat market was rather uncertain, but the turnover was very heavy. There is still a lack of moisture in the South-West. Total sales: 31,002,000 bushels.

Flash: The American Railway Association estimates carloadings at 600,000 cars, a decrease of 16,000 cars from the corresponding period of last year.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

	Prev. Yesterday	Closing
New York Cotton:		
May	11.29	11.24
July	10.94	10.94
October	10.29	10.23
December	10.23	10.22
January	10.32	10.26
March	10.38	10.32m
Spot	11.69	11.62
New York Rubber:		
May	16.00	15.85
July	16.08	15.94
September	16.17a	16.03
December	16.31a	16.14a
March	16.42a	16.26a
Chicago Wheat:		
May	94½	94½
July	83½	84½
September	82½	82½
Chicago Corn:		
May	60½	60
July	69½	69½
Winnipeg Wheat:		
May	80	79
July	81	80½
October	81½	80½

H.K. SHAREBROKERS'
ASSOCIATION

The following report was issued by the Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association yesterday afternoon.

Banks \$1555 a.
Unions \$560 b.
Antamoks \$2.05 b.
Baguio Gold 27½ cts. b., 28 cts. sa.
Itogons \$1.05 b.
Big Wedge 25½ cts. b.
Gold Rivers 7½ cts., 8½ cts. s.
Gold Creek 12 cts. b.
Demonstrations 64 cts. b.
Salacots 14½ cts. b., 15/15 cts. sa.
Vens. Gold Fields \$3 b.
Hotels \$4.10 b.
Land Debentures par. b.
Providents Old \$1.15 b.
Ewos \$8.35 b.
Trams \$10.20/¾ sa.
Lights Old \$10.35 b.
Lights New \$7.15 b.
Singapore Traction Ord. 22/- b.
Cements \$8.75 b.
Sinceres \$1.80 b., \$1.90 a.
Govt 4% Loan 4½% Prem. b.
Gold \$ Bonds 93% b.

ITALY'S GAINS IN
ABYSSINIA

(Continued from Page 6)

One rather thorny problem with which the Italians are already confronted in the occupied territory is the abolition of slavery. Numbers of any accuracy are impossible to arrive at, as information about the inhabitants is as vague as the maps of the country, but an Italian estimate—probably a generous one—of the number of slaves in the Tigre was 16,000. Now that they have been freed, these have somehow to be absorbed.

In this land of chaos and old night slaves were divided into three classes. The highest slave class comprised fighting men, who were naturally kept in fairly good condition by their owners both for their fighting value and as a bargaining asset.

At Agula I saw a slave who had escaped from his master and had come through the Italian lines. He had been a warrior slave, son of a slave union, and though rather weedy, even for an Ethiopian, he looked quite healthy. He was enrolled as one of Ras Gugsa's irregulars.

Domestic Slaves

The second class consisted of domestic slaves, who were also comparatively well treated on account of their market value, and were even in many cases regarded as inferior members of their masters' families. The lowest and most miserable slaves were peasants, who had nothing of their own and were underfed—this accounting for the fact that a higher percentage of them were diseased than the rest of Ethiopia's populace.

Slaves were mated as animals are, the progeny being the master's property. If a master had sons by a slave they were treated as his sons, but the fate of the daughters was uncertain. The warrior slaves are at present being absorbed in the hands of irregulars, but they will most probably present a considerable problem in time of peace. The other types of male slaves are being given paid work on the roads.

Owners' Attitude

The other part of the problem is the attitude taken by slave-owners deprived of their cheap labour. At Adowa I saw a number of merchants, who looked well-to-do and carried themselves with a certain hauteur, come into the deputy-commissioner's office to make submission. These men, who were Mussulmen, as are most of the commercials of the province, had come from unoccupied territory in front of the lines, and they had a question to ask.

"If," said their spokesman, through the Askari interpreter, "the Italian army advances over our district before the end of the harvesting, may we be allowed to keep our slaves until the crops are in, as this is most important for us?"

Naturally, the deputy-commissioner had to explain that this would be out of the question. The faces of the slave-owners fell. The deputy-commissioner added: "The men must be free to go or to remain. If they elect to remain they must be paid."

The merchants made no objection, but it was plain that they did not like it.

Child For Sale

The abolition of the trade in slaves will take some time. When I was in Aksum after the proclamation by Marshal de Bono a man sidled up to me,

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holding by the hand a small girl who seemed to me about 10 years of age. Her little head was ribbed with greasy black hair, after the usual fashion of Ethiopian women, and flies rimmed her eyes. She was for sale, and the man tried to get me to give him three thalers for her, which at Italian and Eritrean rates would be about 16s.

As I did not feel like starting an Ethiopian kindergarten I rejected the offer. The price, for some reason, was a very low one. I learned that the usual price for a healthy black female slave was the equivalent of \$5 or \$5—a lot of money to an Ethiopian.

Although the natives of the occupied areas seemed to me to be making a good thing out of their new masters—at Agula I watched Dr. Frances dealing with a crowd who had come to demand compensation for damaged crops and so on, and he told me that if they did not say the Italian troops had caused damage they said Ras Seyum's men had done so, and were recompensed just the same—and, although the occupation has done their markets a very great deal of good, I think it will be difficult to prevent slavery continuing in some form or other.

40 Years On In Tigre

In a country where there is so very little trade of any kind it takes more than a proclamation to end an old-established enterprise, particularly one so easy to prosecute on the sly. Perhaps, in view of the difficulty of absorption, however, this is just as well.

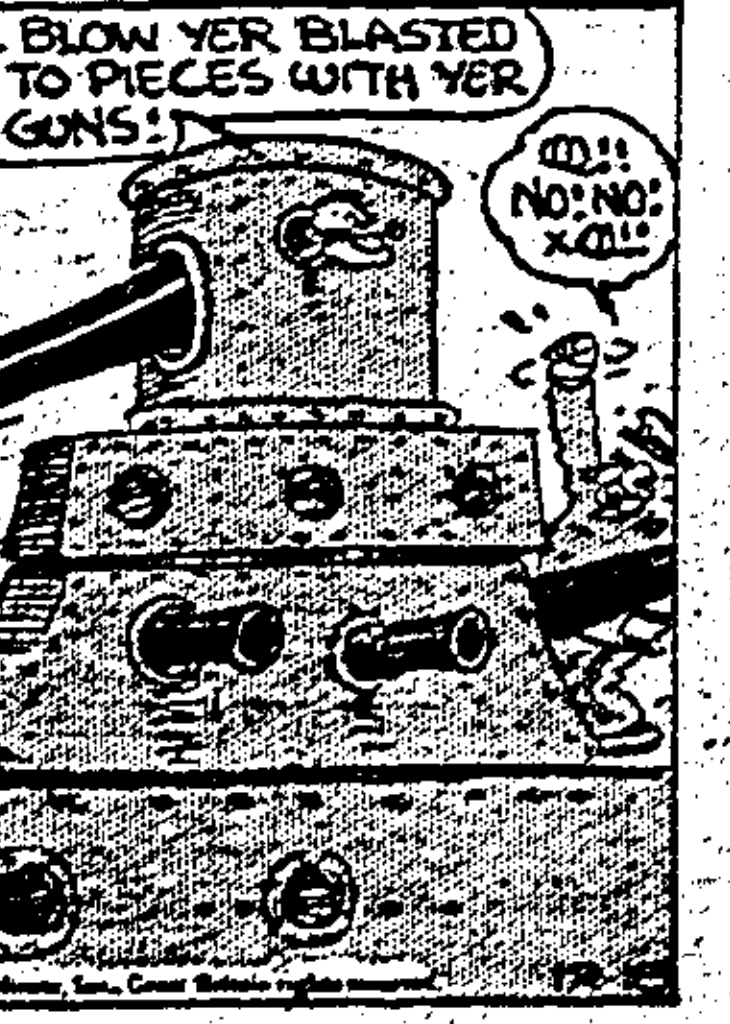
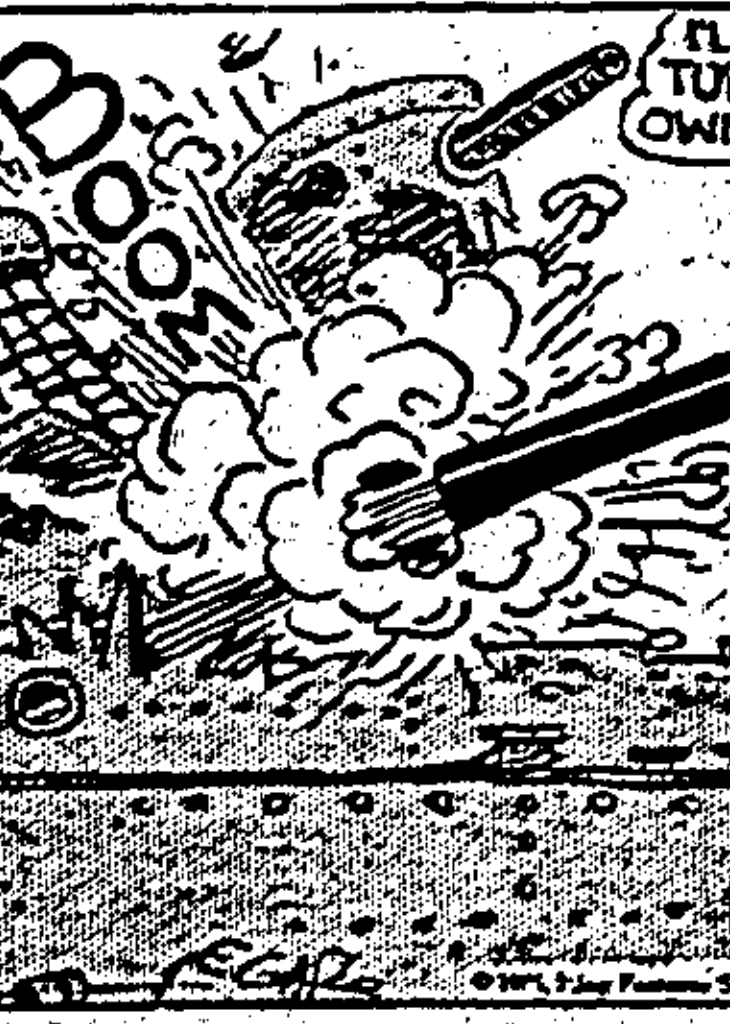
Anyone who has seen the country will agree with me that the Italians have done very well indeed to get as far as they have got in the time, considering the type of warfare they are using, but they could hardly feel great confidence in the position as it stands.

After 40 odd years of occupation Eritrea remains undeveloped, chiefly because there is nothing there to develop, and in spite of the possibilities offered by the Makalle plain and one or two similar valleys for agriculture, I think the next 40 years would see the Tigre much as it is now. In view of the existence of the unapacified Seyum, Sebat and probably other chiefs, I am tempted to add that it will still require military occupation.

125 NEW TRAMS

Liverpool Transport Committee last month decided to buy 125 new tram cars at £2,500 each and 40 heavy oil buses for about £60,000.

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Farewell Tiffin At H.K. Hotel

The Unofficial Members of both the Legislative and Executive Councils yesterday testified to the high esteem in which they held Sir William Shenton as a colleague by giving him a farewell luncheon at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, until recently a member of both Councils, was also one of the hosts.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Senior Unofficial Member, was in the chair, and amongst those present were Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Sir H. Pollock's Speech

In his speech Sir Henry Pollock, Senior Unofficial Member, said:— "It seems most fitting that the last function which Sir William Shenton should be attending in this Colony is the present luncheon given in his honour by his colleagues on both Councils.

"We here present to-day may fairly claim to be his most intimate associates in what I regard as Sir William's most important work in this Colony during the past nine years, namely, his work upon the Executive and Legislative Councils, on which he has at all times brought to bear a very sanely-balanced judgment combined with a keen desire for the public good.

"In fact, it would hardly be too much to say that his work upon the Executive Council occupied a considerable portion of his working day, as he was not content just to glance through the papers and hastily record a decision, but studied every question which came before that body very closely and searchingly.

"To me in particular as his colleague on that Council his departure constitutes a great loss; for I have found Sir William Shenton at all times a most able, most helpful and most loyal colleague.

"He has been good enough to leave behind for my use his files dealing with Executive Council matters, which are very bulky and fully attest to his industry on that Council.

"Master No Go"

"Only this morning I have been consulting him upon Executive Council matters and it seems hard for me to realise that, if I were to ring up his well-known number to-morrow at noon, I should receive the answer: 'Master no go'.

"But it would be very selfish on the part of us, his colleagues, to attempt to hold him back at his age and with his vigour, from carving out for himself a useful public career in the Home-land.

"One remark in Sir William Shenton's speech at the party given to him yesterday by the Chinese Community cheered me up a bit, namely, the intimation that he might some day return and pay us a visit. If he does I can assure him of a warm welcome from all of us his colleagues on the Councils.

"Sir William, here's to your very good health and wishing you and yours every happiness and prosperity."

A toast was drunk to Sir William's very good health, happiness and prosperity.

Sir William suitably replied, thanking his colleagues for their co-operation during his terms of office on both Councils and for the honour they had done him by giving the luncheon.

Sir William leaves Hong Kong by the Ranchi at noon to-day.

"POT OF GOLD" AS PRIZE

Canada's Jubilee Air Race

Canada's mineral wealth—symbolized by a "pot of gold"—is to be suitably honoured by a trans-continental air race from Vancouver to Montreal next summer. Literally a pot of gold valued at \$5,000 is to be posted, as the prize in the Jubilee Trans-Canada Air Race—which will proceed from the Sea Island airport in Vancouver to the St. Hubert airport in Montreal.



Miss Molly, a star from the Philippines, performs the sensational Rumba Dance and sings the latest song hits at the Lido Dancing Hall.

BADMINTON SEASON CLOSES

Presentation Night At Recreio

EXHIBITION MATCHES AND DANCING

The local badminton season will be brought to a close on Saturday, April 25, when the Hong Kong Badminton Association will hold their Presentation Night at Club de Recreio, when the trophies won during the season will be presented to the winning teams.

Very elaborate arrangements have been made for the evening, including three exhibition matches—men's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. The prizes will be presented at the conclusion of these games and dancing will then be indulged in till 1 a.m. Players have already been selected for these exhibitions and their names will be announced at a later date.

A popular local dance band is being engaged, and tickets, which are priced at \$1.50 single and \$2.50 double, will include light refreshments, as well as admission to the badminton (20 cents). Tickets will be obtainable next week from any badminton club secretary, or Mr. E. da Sousa, China Auction Rooms, Mr. L. D. Skinner, Hong Kong Telephone Co., and Mr. S. A. Gray, Hong Kong Telegraph.

PORTUGUESE CO., H.K.V.D.C.

Annual Dinner At Headquarters

CONGRATULATIONS ON GOOD WORK AND PROGRESS

The annual dinner of the Portuguese Company, H.K.V.D.C., which took place at Volunteer Headquarters last night, saw more than 150 men gathered to enjoy the steak and kidney pudding provided for the occasion and to witness the presentation of prizes by Col. H. C. Harrison, G.S.O.I. The Commandant, Major S. Jarvis, M. C., presided.

After the dinner and prizes presentation the string orchestra of the Corps gave an excellent selection of music, while individual members contributed songs.

Col. Harrison congratulated the Corps of its splendid work during the recent combined manoeuvres. Lt. Col. Dowbiggin proposed the toast of "Our Guests," to which Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Col. Harrison replied; and Major Jarvis proposed the health of the Portuguese Consul.

Prior to the commencement of dinner, a minute of silence was observed in memory of two late members of the company, Pte. H. A. V. Ribeiro and C. N. Gosano.

Those who provided entertainment during the evening, were: Leo Remedios, R. Parkinson, F. A. M. Rosario, M. F. Baptista, F. Sequiera and the String Band.

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Taikoo Trounced By St. Andrew's

Only one fixture in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League was played last night, when the St. Andrew's Club beat the Taikoo Recreation Club by 8 games to 1 at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Detailed results of the match were as follows:—

E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's)—
beat C. Summers and Miss R. Summers 21-6
beat J. Dovey and Miss J. Summers 21-3
beat W. Melrose and Miss L. Cunningham 21-7
A. S. Bliss and Miss T. Giffin (St. Andrew's)—
lost to Summers and Summers 6-21
lost to Dovey and Summers 21-12
beat Melrose and Cunningham 21-8
R. H. Wong and Mrs. Dawson (St. Andrew's)—
beat Summers and Summers 21-13
beat Dovey and Summers 15-21
beat Melrose and Cunningham 21-17

Recreio "A" Win

At St. John's Cathedral Hall on Thursday evening, the Recreio "A" beat St. John's by eight games to one in the mixed doubles league.

G. A. Smith and Mrs. Barlow (St. John's)—
lost to J. J. Remedios and Miss C. Silva 12-21
lost to L. A. Carvalho and Miss O. Ribeiro 18-21
lost to M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva 3-21
F. H. Kwok and Miss Muriel Smith (St. John's)—
lost to Remedios and Silva 10-21
beat Carvalho and Ribeiro 21-16
lost to Oliveira and Silva 9-21
R. Koh and Miss Wong (St. John's)—
lost to Remedios and Silva 8-21
lost to Carvalho and Ribeiro 15-21
lost to Oliveira and Silva 6-21

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	P	A	Pts
Recreio "A"	15	14	1	89	19	28
C.R.C.	15	12	3	106	29	26
Fire Brigade	16	13	3	107	37	26
Recreio "B"	15	8	7	76	41	16
St. John's	15	7	8	65	70	14
St. Andrew's	15	7	8	56	79	14
Kowloon Tong	16	3	13	48	93	6
Taikoo	12	2	10	22	86	4
S. and S. Eome	15	0	15	21	114	0

ENGLAND SHOULD WIN TO-DAY

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Last Year's Clash

Last year's encounter was played at Stamford Bridge, when England emerged winners by the odd goal in three, and to-day the teams are very evenly matched, with the odds slightly in favour of England.

The following are the teams.
England—Hibbs; Male, Hapgood; Crayston; Barker, Bray; Crooks; Bowden, Cammell, Eastin and Brook.
Scotland—Davies (Rangers); Anderson (Hearts); Cummings (Aston Villa); Massie (Aston Villa); Simpson (Rangers); Brown (Rangers); Crum (Celtic); Walker (Hearts).
McColloch (Brentford), McPhail (Rangers), Duncan (Derby).

Last 10 Results

The following have been the results for the last 10 seasons:—
1925-6 Scotland 1-0
1926-7 England 2-1
1927-8 Scotland 5-1
1928-9 Scotland 1-0
1929-30 England 5-2
1930-1 Scotland 2-0
1931-2 England 3-0
1932-3 Scotland 2-1
1933-4 England 3-0
1934-5 Scotland 2-0

To-day's Complete Short Story

The Avenging Dummy

MR. DIXON HAWKE, the internationally famous detective, stood with his driver lifted watching the flight of the ball he had just hit. It was a splendid drive, the ball lifting over a nearby rise and dropping out of sight to the next green.

"Good stuff, chief!" said Tommy Burke, the detective's assistant. "I'm going to be umpteen down when we've finished the round. You're too hot for me!"

Hawke laughed.

"You might do better at the next hole," he said.

As they walked forward over the springy turf, the pair looked round at the magnificent scenery. They were in the heart of the Highlands. Every year in early summer Hawke took a golfing holiday at Dunroos. Later in the year the place was too crowded, but now the detective and his assistant had the place entirely to themselves.

They reached the head of the rise, and looked down over the lower greens. A burn sparkled in the distance, and there was a range of blue hills beyond.

About halfway down the slope was a curious rock shaped like a beckoning finger. There was something sinister about that stark shape outlined against the bright sky.

"I guess that's where my ball is," Tommy Burke said. "It headed that way—Hullo! There's a

GOOD LEAGUE SOCCER CARD FOR TO-DAY

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The best game will probably be witnessed at Kowloon, where the Police will battle with the mainland's civilian Club for two all-important points in their race for the runners-up position.

The Athletic, who are at present leading both the Police and South China "B," should beat the East Lancers, although they are playing away from home, while the Fusiliers should account for St. Joseph's.

Navy Favoured

South China "B," also have a vital match as they meet the Royal Navy at Caroline Hill, and their chances of victory are at present very remote following their opponents' decisive win over their "A" team.

The Navy juniors have secured a wonderful goal average and are practically assured of the Second Division title. They have to beat the East Lancers, however, who are their most formidable opponents, and this afternoon's clash should provide some of the keenest soccer seen in the junior division.

To-morrow's Card

To-morrow will see three excellent clashes in the First Division, when the Fusiliers and Athletic meet at Sookunpoo and the League champions entertain Recreio at Caroline Hill. In the remaining senior game Lyemun meet the Rifles and the latter should just about win.

COLONY TENNIS CARD FOR NEXT WEEK

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WEDNESDAY

Club Championship (Semi-Final)
M. Pagh and H. J. Armstrong v. D. MacDougall
Club Handicap Doubles (Third Round)
J. and G. Rodger (-4/6) v. A. C. L. Bowker and H. J. Armstrong (-2/6)
H. E. McGhie and H. L. Tudor (-1/2) or B. O'M. Deane and G. E. R. Divett (-1/5) v. T. J. and J. P. Price (-2/6) or H. E. Buttner and D. MacDougall (-4/6)

THURSDAY

Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)
G. W. Sewell and H. J. Armstrong (-15/2) or E. Bathurst and A. T. Lay (-1/5) v. A. D. Humphreys and G. E. Sayer (-5/6)
(Third Round)
H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Perry (-15/2) or L. Lay and L. Phillips (-3/6) v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. McMillen (-3/6)

TUESDAY (APRIL 1)

Semi-Final Open Singles Top

Semi-Final Open Singles Lower

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 15)

Open Doubles (Semi-Final)

Tait Wai-on and Tait Yau-on v. Wai-tong and Lok Ding-cheung (Stand Over)

THURSDAY (APRIL 16)

Final Club Championship

FRIDAY (APRIL 17)

Semi-Final Open Singles Lower

Bracket

MONDAY (APRIL 20)

Final Open Singles

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 22)

Final Open Doubles and presentation of prizes

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OBITUARY

Mr. M. A. Cooper Laid To Rest

The funeral of the late Mr. M. A. Cooper, B. COM., and Lecturer at Hong Kong University, who died at the Victoria Hospital on Wednesday night at the early age of 31, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, attended by a large and representative gathering. The Rev. H. W. Baines officiated at the grave-side.

In the large gathering present were Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr.

M. K. Lo, Mr. B. G. Birch, Mr. R. Ashton Hill, Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, Professor W. Brown, Professor W. Fild, Mr. F. C. Weller, Mr. W. B. Finnigan, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Rev. Father G. Byrne, S.J., Professor R. Robertson, Mr. D. W. Morley, Mr. J. Ring, Mr. J. Day, Mr. A. B. Reynolds, Mr. F. H. Loseby, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Mr. S. V. Gitting, Professor W. I. Gerrard, Mr. P. R. Robinson, Mr. K. T. Quick, Mr. R. C. Hung, Mr. Pao Yue-lan, Mr. D. Ho, Mr. K. Yuet-hing, Miss Anne Ho, Miss K. Tse, Mr. T. A. Martin, Mr. G. W. Roeve, Professor C. T. Byrnes, Professor L. T. Riddle, Professor M. H. Roffey, Miss Kwok Pui-chi, Mr. F. J. de Rome, Dr. O. I. de Souza, Mr. D. Hung, and a large number of University students.

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JAPAN via Tokyo & Keelung	Panama Maru	Sat., 15th Apr.
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H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hong Kong, Friday, 3rd April, 1936.

GENERAL

Box Respirators & Steel Helmets. O. C. Units will arrange to return to the Quartermaster by Thursday, 9th April, 1936, all Box Respirators and Steel Helmets issued for Combined Operations. (repeated).

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Corps Headquarters will be closed during the Easter Holidays, Friday, 10th to Monday, 13th April, 1936 (both days inclusive).

Corps Orders will be published on Thursday, 9th April, 1936.

O. C. Units are requested to forward their weekly orders to Corps Headquarters by 10 a.m. on Thursday morning, 8th April, 1936.

PARADE

Corps 1st Battery

"A" Section—There will be a lecture to the B. C. Staff at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, 8th instant at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Engineers. Monday, 6th April, 1936—Gas Mask instruction at 5.45 p.m. Gas Masks must be returned to Store at finish of parade.

Corps Signals

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th April for Signal instruction.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9th April for Anti-Gas instruction.

All ranks must attend their parade with Box Respirators.

M. G. Troop

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 7th April at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. instruction.

All Gas Masks should be returned to Headquarters Store as early as possible.

Armoured Car Section

Section will parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 7th April at 5.30 p.m. for Crew Drill and Driving instruction.

Dress—Overalls

Motor Machine Gun Section. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 6th instant with Box Respirators.

Lieut. V. C. Branson, M.C., will give a short talk on "The Respirators."

All Box Respirators must be returned to Store at the conclusion of this parade.

Corps 1st Battery

"L" Section—There will be no parade on Good Friday the 10th April.

Next parade—Friday, 17th April, 1936.

Dress—Overalls, Blue Caps, Gun Platform Shoes.

PARADE

No. 1 (M.G.) Company. Friday, 10th April—Good Friday—No parade.

Friday, 17th April—Musketry. Final arrangements for Rifle Meeting which is to be held on Sunday, 19th April, 1936.

No. 2 (Scottish) Company. The Company will parade on Thursday, 9th April for M. G. instruction.

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All Kilt aprons must be handed to C.Q.M.S. Polson as soon as possible for necessary alteration to pocket (repeated).

No. 3 (M. G.) Company

Parade on Monday, 6th April for M. G. instruction.

Subject—Traversing. Dress—Muffs, no equipment.

Box Respirators and Steel Helmets must be returned to Store immediately.

M. G. Bn. Signal Section. Wednesday—8.4.36. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. prompt for instruction by subsection.

All Gas Masks must be returned to Store at once.

Corps Infantry

There will be no parade until further notice.

Stonecutters Range—Small Arms Classification—Lewis Gun.

All Lewis Gun Sections of "A" Company and all members of "B" Company except those who have not yet fired Lewis Gun will fire for Efficiency on Sunday, 5th April, 1936.

Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. and Kowloon at 8.30 a.m.

Range Officer—Lieut. H. A. de B. Botelho.

All Lewis Gunners except "B" Class Reserve are reminded that Lewis Gun Classification is part of their obligations for efficiency and that this is the last occasion on which they will be able to classify.

"B" Class Reserves are urged to attend in order that they will be able to carry out their role as Anti-Aircraft Gunners.

AIR ARM

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th April for M. G. instruction.

LECTURE ROOM ALLOTMENT. Monday—6.4.36—5.30 p.m.—Motor Machine Gun Section.

LEAVE

No. 2218 Signaller A. Vantrung, Corps Signals, granted leave as from 10.3.36 to 10.4.36.

No. 1706, A/Cpl. B. C. Field, M. G. Troop, granted nine months leave as from 3.4.36 to 2.1.37.

No. 2067 Pte. F. Simonsen, A. S. C. Cadre, granted leave as from 4.4.36 to 2.1.4.36.

STRENGTH

No. 2575 Private, J. M. Wilson, A. C. S. Cadre, 19.3.36.

No. 2376 Sapper, A. C. Tribble, Corps Engineers, 23.3.36.

No. 2577 Sapper, J. S. Greenberg, Corps Engineers, 23.3.36.

No. 2578 Gunner, K. Ram, Battery, "L" Section, 27.3.36.

No. 2579 Gunner, R. Chung, Battery, "L" Section, 27.3.36.

No. 2580 Gunner, L. Dunn, Battery, "L" Section, 27.3.36.

No. 2581 Gunner, F. G. Thomas, Battery, "L" Section, 27.3.36.

No. 2582 Gunner, J. Yan, Battery, "L" Section, 27.3.36.

No. 2583 Private, L. Hinds, No. 1 (M.G.) Company, 27.3.36.

No. 2584 Sapper, W. J. Citrine, Corps Engineers, 30.3.36.

No. 2585 Private, D. A. Hyatt, M. G. Section, 30.3.36.

No. 2586 Private, W. R. K. Colings, M. M. G. Section, 30.3.36.

No. 2587 Private, K. W. Porrow, M. M. G. Section, 30.3.36.

No. 2588 Private, A. A. Tavares, Corps Infantry, 30.3.36.

No. 2589 Gunner, H. B. Neve, Battery "A" Section, 31.3.36.

No. 2590 Gunner, J. C. Smedley, Battery "A" Section, 31.3.36.

No. 2591 Signaller, H. K. Chan, M. G. Bn., Signal Section, 1.4.36.

Captn. (Sdg.) R. C. B. ANDERSON, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFILIATED UNITS. Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

LECTURE. The next lecture on "First Aid in Defence against Chemical Warfare" will be held on Monday, 6th April, 1936 in P.W.D. Offices at 5.30 p.m.

(Sdg.) E. DURBAN, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE. Annual Athletic Meeting. Entries—Close—Saturday, 4th April, 1936.

Committee Meeting.—Monday, 6th April, 1936.

Preliminary Events.—Tug-of-War—Tuesday, 7.4.36—5.30 p.m.

High Jump—Thursday, 9.4.36—5.30 p.m.

Putting the Shot. All at Corps Headquarters.

Rifle Meeting. The Corps Rifle Meeting will be held on Sunday, 19th April, 1936 at Kowloon.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

LESSON SERMON

Subject: "Unreality"

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The subject of the lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, will be: "Unreality."

The Golden Text will be: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17).

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul."

"Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from falling."

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalms 116: 3, 4, 7, 8; Psalms 34:1, 19).

Mind And Matter. The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"You say that indigestion, fatigue, sleeplessness, cause distressed stomachs and aching heads. Then you consult your brain in order to remember what has hurt you, when your remedy lies in forgetting the whole thing: for matter has no sensation of its own, and the human mind is all that can produce pain."

"As a man thinketh, so is he. Mind is all that feels, acts, or impedes action."

"Have no fear that matter can ache, swell, and be inflamed as the result of a law of any kind, when it is self-evident that matter can have no pain nor inflammation. Your body would suffer no more from tension or wounds than the trunk of a tree which you gash or the electric wire which you stretch, were it not for mortal mind." (Pages 165 and 393).

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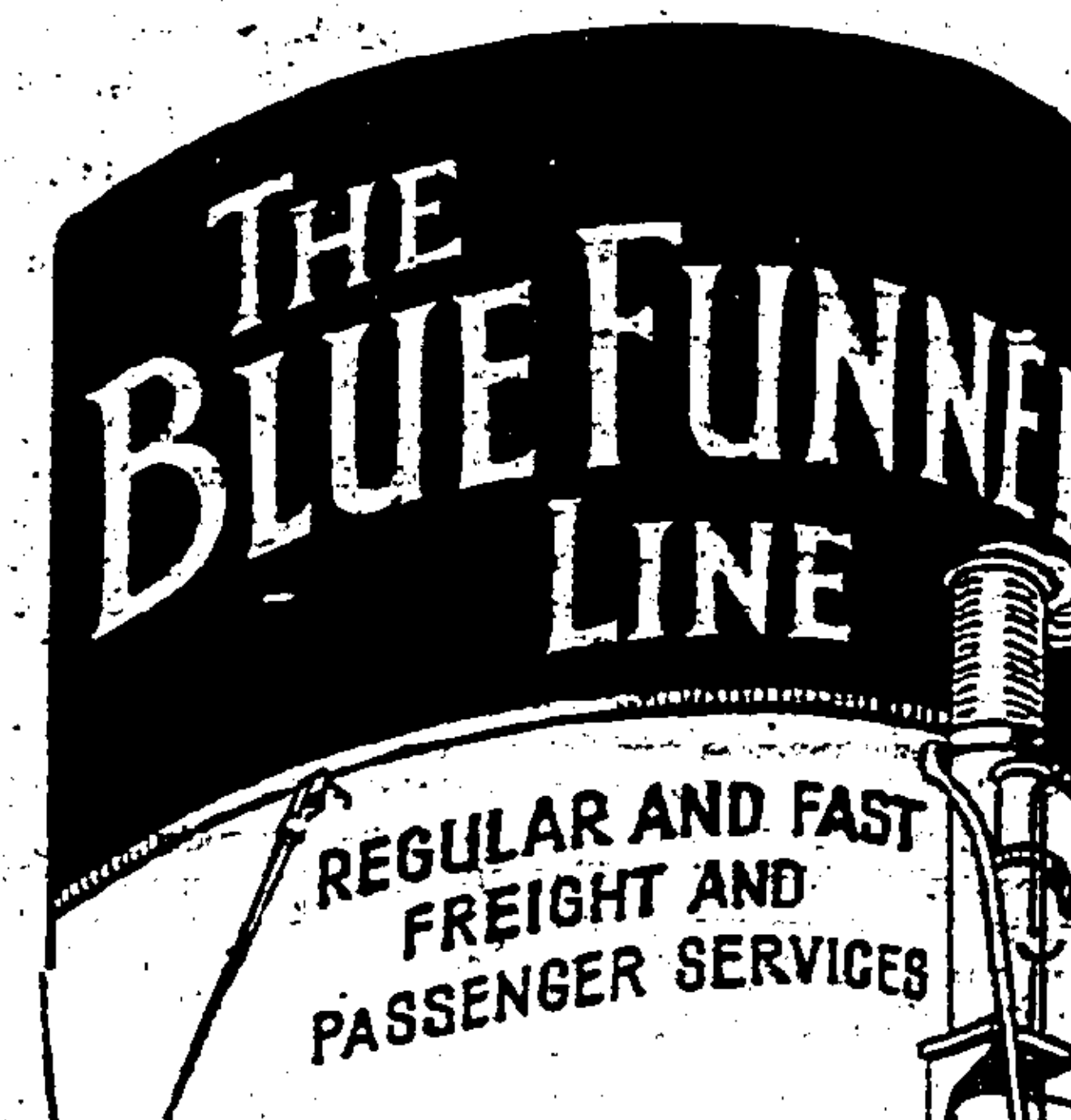
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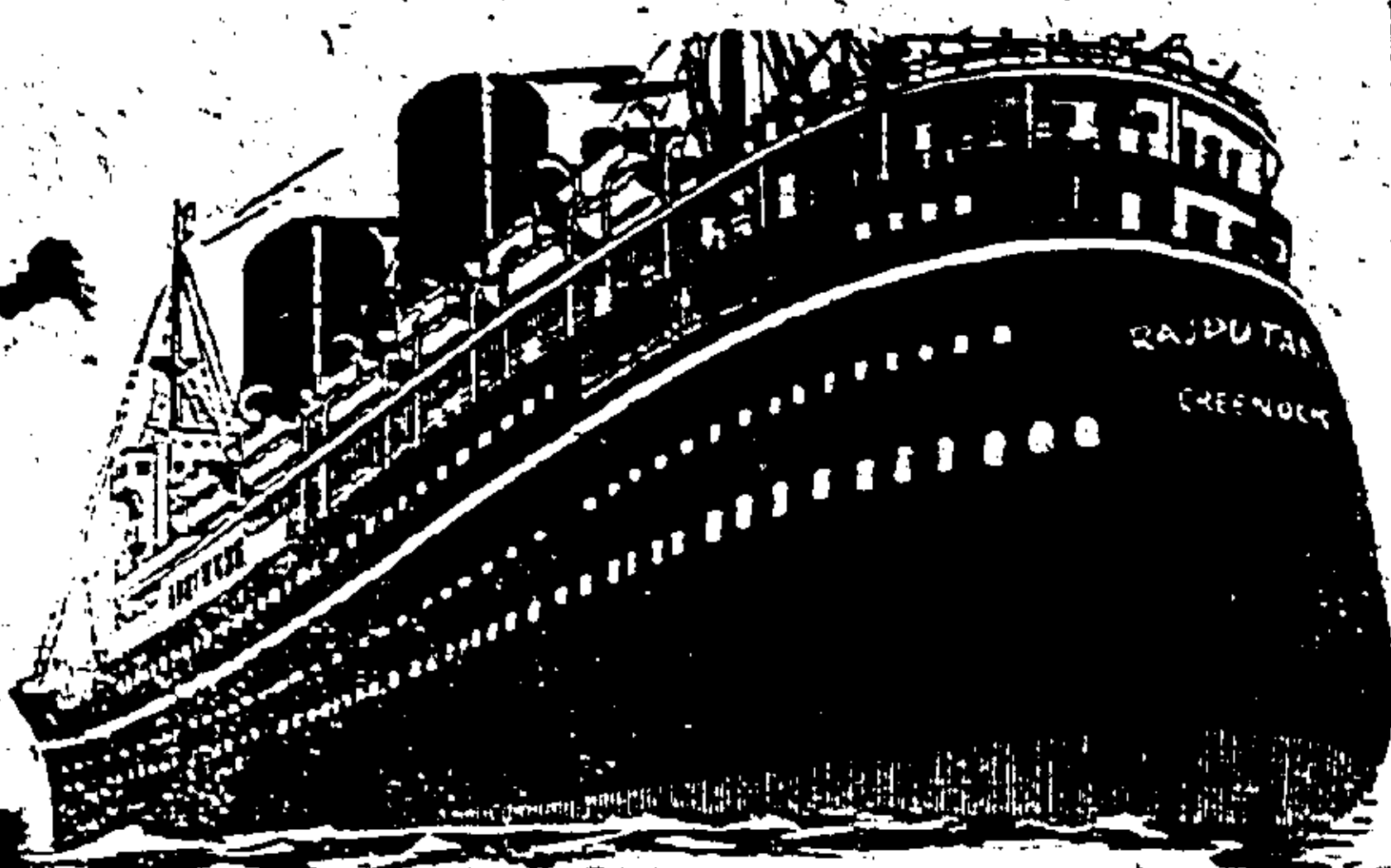
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THE AVENGING DUMMY

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"A strange place for a man to be killed, under the Finger," Grant said. "This rock has a grim reputation. Mr. Hawke. They tell stories of black magic and witches about it."

He knelt down by the body. When he stood up he gave the detective a queer look.

"Murder, eh?"
"Looks like it, Inspector. I found this mid-iron near the body."

"Initials on it too! D. M. I know who that is. Jove! And here he comes!"

The Inspector pointed to a man who was moving slowly across the golf course from the direction of a bunker. The newcomer staggered slightly.

He was a man of about thirty years of age. He was hatless, and there was blood on one side of his face. He held one hand to his head, and did not notice the group round the body until he was almost on top of them.

"What's the matter here?" he asked.

"Somebody has been killed. Mr. McKensie," Grant said. "What's wrong with you? How did you get that bruise on your face?"

"I fell," McKensie said sullenly. "Who's been killed?"

"A man you know, Anderson?"

"Anderson?"

The man whispered the name. Pushing his way forward, he started. Incredulously at the body. There was an expression on his face which caused the Inspector to nod.

"You don't seem very shocked, McKensie," he said.

"Shocked? Why should I? It's a terrible thing to say, but I'm glad this man is dead! I—I had plenty of reason to dislike him."

"Because of your sister?"

Inspector Grant nodded. "I know. This is such a small place that they can't help learning everybody's business. You had a quarrel with him the other day?"

"Yes, I told him to leave my sister alone. She's young, and she was fascinated by him."

"Did you see him to-day, McKensie?"

The man hesitated. Then he spoke in a very low voice. "No," he said. "I—I didn't see him."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, I'm sure. I went on the golf course. I didn't see him. He was not here on the golf course, and didn't you get that bruise on your face because of an argument with him?"

"What do you mean?" gasped McKensie.

The officer held up the blood-stained mid-iron.

"Yours," he said. "It was found near the body—and Anderson was killed with it."

McKensie stared with horror, first at the club and then at the grim face of the officer. With a choking cry he turned to run, but the two constables closed in and caught him by the arms. He was limping in their grip.

"You don't mean—you don't mean—" he began.

"I'm afraid I must arrest you!" Inspector Grant said. "Have you got anything to say?"

"Slowly McKensie shook his head. He was calm now. He looked Grant squarely in the eyes.

"You'll never believe my story," he said, "and yet it's true. I did not kill him!"

There was a long silence. The accused man looked from one to the other of those who stood about him. He was looking for sympathy, belief, but although even Grant and the constables were sympathetic, they were incredulous of the prisoner's protest.

"Anderson was trying to get my sister to go away to London with him," McKensie said at last. "He said he would marry her, but I made inquiries, and found out he was already married. That I learned to-day."

He paused. Then he went on again with a rush of words.

"I intercepted a message sent to my sister, asking her to meet him out here on the green. I was so enraged, following on what I had discovered about the man, that I decided to give him the beating of his life. I took a mid-iron from my locker at the club and went to the spot where he had told me to meet her. He was waiting for her."

"I hadn't any intention of killing him. I wanted to beat him, but he was too strong. He took the club from me and hit me with the shaft—that caused the bruise on my face. I was half-drowned, and when I had recovered he was gone. I—I didn't see him again."

until just now!"

The Inspector shook his head sadly. "A good story," he said, "but it won't convince the jury. I wish it would!"

"You don't believe me?"

"If you didn't kill Anderson, who did? There's blood on the head of this club, and you said that he hit you with the shaft. Nobody could have snatched the club away from him. He was too strong. Sorry, McKensie, but I'm afraid I'll have to take you over to the jail!"

The young man put out his hands in a gesture of despair towards Dixon Hawke, who was standing silently nearby.

"Mr. Hawke, you've got to prove they're wrong! You've got to find out who killed him! I didn't—I didn't!"

He was led away, and the detective shook his head as he watched the constables and their prisoner disappear over the rise.

"I am afraid the Inspector is right," he said.

"That story rang true, though, chief."

"I know, Tommy. McKensie is anything but a liar, too."

"Couldn't somebody have taken that iron from Anderson and killed him with it?"

"He was too strong, Tommy. McKensie is pretty powerful, but he could do nothing to Anderson. Also those blows on the side of the head show that he was struck down by an unexpected attack."

The pair walked back slowly to the village. News of the murder had gone ahead of them, and people were standing round in little groups discussing the crime in low voices.

Sympathies were entirely with McKensie. Nobody had liked the dead man. He had made himself objectionable in more ways than one during his stay at Dunmoss.

As Dixon Hawke and his assistant were about to enter the hotel, a pony and trap drove up. A broad-shouldered man stepped down from it and tossed the reins to an ostler. He nodded to the criminologist.

"Bad business this, Mr. Hawke," the detective nodded. He recognised a farmer who lived near by and owned most of the land adjoining the golf course. His name was Ferguson.

"And I don't suppose I can get hold of the constable now," the farmer went on. "I've got a mystery of my own to solve."

"A mystery?"

"Yes. A young foal has been killed. I had it in a paddock with the mare, but the wire was broken down in one place, and it must have got out. I found it on the golf course. Somebody had killed it."

The farmer's face was grim.

"Can you believe that somebody would be cruel enough to club a poor wee foal to death?" he growled. "It was but a month old, and as friendly and playful as a puppy."

"Whereabouts did you find it?" Hawke asked.

"In the long grass about three hundred yards from the Finger, where they found Anderson."

Hawke gave a sharp exclamation. "I'd like to see it," he said.

There was room in the trap for the detective and his assistant, and they drove off at a smart pace towards the farm. Tommy could see that his chief was excited.

The criminologist was nervously clasping and unclasping his strong fingers.

When they reached the farm-house, a low building with white-washed walls, nestled under a hill, Ferguson led them to the stableyard at the back. He opened the door of a loose-box and pointed silently to the dead foal.

It was a gawky creature with long slender legs. Hawke remembered having seen it in the paddock on the previous day, as he was going round the course.

One side of the head had been crushed by heavy blows, and blood was spattered on the foal's bay-coloured hide. The blows must have been given with savage force.

"Jove!" Dixon Hawke exclaimed.

"I'd like to get hold of the rotter who did it," Tommy growled. He gave a startled whistle. "Chief—but Anderson was killed this way!"

"Exactly. I'm wondering if young McKensie didn't tell us a true story after all, and that some savage killer was loose on the course."

"He must be a madman," Tommy

suggested.

"A madman, or somebody with an uncontrollable temper. Let me think. There is a connection between these killings, and I can't make out what it is."

Food For The Superstitious

He walked up and down the yard for some minutes. Suddenly he swung round and paced back to Ferguson.

"Where's the mare?" he asked. "In the paddock. We can hardly get near her. She seems to know her bairn's dead. That's why we brought the body down here to the yard instead of dragging it to the paddock."

"I'd like to see the mare."

"She'll probably be calmer now. I'll come with you."

They walked across several fields, and came to the enclosure on the edge of the golf course. In the distance could be seen the point of rock known as the Finger. Heavy shadows thrown by the nearby hills lay over it. The place had a strange and sinister air.

Tommy could not help remembering that there were legends of witches and black magic connected with that rock. It would be easy for a superstitious mind to connect the killing of Anderson and the foal with the reputation of the Finger.

The young fellow shrugged his shoulders as he followed the others to the paddock.

The mare, a fine beast of excellent breed, was standing near the wire, shivering, although the day was hot. Foam speckled the light brown coat. The mare's eyes were bloodshot and wild.

When her master called to her she backed away with a whinny. Ferguson shook his head.

"Never seen her that way before," he said. "I've made a pet of her, and she comes to me like a dog. It's a strange business, Mr. Hawke."

"Not so strange!" the detective said sharply. He turned to Tommy. "Young 'un, get over to Dunmoss as fast as you can. Telephone Inspector Grant. Tell him to come out here and bring the dead man's clothes!"

"What's the idea, chief?"

"I'm going to solve a mystery. I hope to prove that McKensie did not kill Anderson!"

Reconstructing The Case

Inspector Grant arrived promptly in answer to Tommy's telephone call. The officer was carrying a bundle under his arm. He put it down gingerly on the grass near the paddock.

"Carrying a dead man's clothes round isn't pleasant," he said.

"What have you found out, Mr. Hawke? I hope it's something to help McKensie. He sticks to his story stubbornly, and I find myself half believing it, although he can't convince a jury."

He shook his head sadly.

"And his sister came over to headquarters. She's in a terrible way. She'll go out of her mind if we can't clear her brother."

"I'm hoping we can, Inspector," Dixon Hawke opened the bundle of clothes. Blood from Anderson's wounds was spattered over the jacket, but there were darker stains on the right arm, which the criminologist examined carefully. He whistled softly.

"By the way, Inspector," he said, "do you know if McKensie had his horse out to-day?"

"Ah! you mean did his mount make those hoof-marks near the Finger? No, I asked him about that, and I'm satisfied he told me the truth. He wasn't riding to-day."

The officer fingered his square jaw thoughtfully.

"I've been wondering about those prints myself," he confessed. "Was there somebody riding about the course who might have killed Anderson? I wonder if we can find finger-prints on the mid-iron?"

"The surface of the shaft is too small," Hawke said. "All the same, Inspector, I am pretty sure that I can clear McKensie."

He turned to Tommy.

"Young 'un, get me some straw from the stables. Enough to stuff out these clothes and make a dummy."

"What's the idea of a dummy?" Grant demanded.

"I'm going to catch a killer with it."

"A killer? Why not the killer?"

"Because there were two?"

"The Inspector's jaw dropped. He stared at Hawke in frank astonishment, and then turned and looked exactly what effect the smell of round the golf course with a half-frightened air. It was not plea-

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sant to think that a grim killer through the wires of the paddock was loose near the shadow of the and began to push it with the long pole towards the mare.

Tommy soon returned with the straw, and Hawke stuffed the getting to breathe in their excitement. They saw the mare stiffen, and then begin to turn. The animal's bloodshot eyes were rolling wildly, and a white foam broke out over its coat. It gave a scream, a rare sound to come from a horse.

Then the beast was galloping towards the dummy, which Hawke moved from side to side to create the impression that it was alive.

A yard away the mare stopped. Its nostrils were quivering, and for a second it nuzzled the blood-stained coat. Then, with another shrill cry, the beast reared.

Down on the dummy descended the next fore hoofs. Blow after blow was rained by them. No club welded by human hands could have struck with such dreadful force.

Suddenly the mare swung away. The beast galloped to the other side of the paddock, and stood there trembling.

Dixon Hawke looked in triumph at his audience. They were so startled that it was a minute before they could speak.

"My mare killed Anderson!" belated the farmer.

"Killed him to avenge the death of the foal!" exclaimed Inspector Grant. "It was driven crazy by the blood which was on the man's coat. It's iron-shod hoofs gave blows very much like those of a mid-iron. The beast struck Anderson down as he ran for his life—and it caught him under the shadow of the Finger!"

He turned to Hawke.

"You've saved an innocent man from a dreadful situation, and the law from making a horrible blunder."

"I'm glad of that," the criminologist said, "but there's just one other thing I wish that I had been able to do."

He pointed to the mare.

"To save that unfortunate beast the torture of repeating the attack on its foal's murderer. I hope, Inspector, that it will not be necessary to destroy the poor animal."

Grant shook his head.

"Certainly not!" he said. "What Anderson got he deserved!"

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"The danger is not so great," the medical authority said, "because it is late in the year for a 'flu' epidemic to start. In 1918-19 it ran right through the winter. 'People to-day, too, are in excellent health."

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"They are also becoming vaccine-minded. Thousands are inoculated every autumn against 'flu' and similar illnesses."

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\$55 A WEEK SALARY

Comedian's Claim Succeeds

BREACH OF CONTRACT

Judgment for \$128 and costs was given in the King's Bench Division last month in favour of Mr. George Philip Hirsch, a comedian, professionally known as George Jackley, and then appearing at the Lyceum.

His claim arose out of a breach of contract by the K.F.C. Syndicate, Ltd., of Mount-street, W., to engage him in a musical play called "My Kingdom for a Cow."

Mr. J. C. Lawrence, his counsel, said that notification had been received that the Syndicate did not intend to defend the action.

Hoarse Voice And Force
Mr. Hirsch said that the defendants agreed to engage him at a salary of \$55 a week during the run of the play. He was suited to the play, as it required "a great deal of hoarse voice and force."

After he had attended rehearsals he was asked if he would give up the part, as the defendants had discovered they ought to have engaged an opera-singer.

His reply was that he could make the part a success. Subsequently he was asked to discontinue rehearsing.

The play was performed at the Savoy Theatre for two weeks and two days, and he claimed that he was entitled to be paid the agreed salary.

HONG KONG NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

New Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force are published in the Government Gazette:—

Lieutenant James Petrie, D.S.C., to be Lieutenant-Commander, with effect from February 19;

Paymaster-Lieutenant Sydney Hampden Ross to be Paymaster-Lieutenant-Commander, with effect from February 19;

Sub-Lieutenant (E) John Richard Bergne-Coupland to be Lieutenant (E), with effect from February 19;

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Edward Grossman to be Paymaster-Lieutenant, with effect from February 19;

Cadet Alfred Charles Ford to be Sub-Lieutenant (E), with effect from December 1, 1935.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little, is due to return to the Colony from Macao by H.M.S. Falmouth, some time this morning, and on his arrival a salute will be exchanged between His Excellency and Admiral O. G. Murfin, Commander-in-Chief of the United States East Asiatic Squadron on the flagship U.S.S. Augusta.

The Colonial Treasurer gives notice in the Government Gazette that the figure representing the average opening selling rates for the month of March 1936 of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London is settled at 15.50.

The Offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Easter vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Easter Vacation begins on April 10 and terminates on April 16, both days inclusive.

The number of emigrants leaving the Colony for the Straits Settlements during the month of March was 11,738.

The text of the Counterfeit Currency (Convention) Ordinance, 1936, is published in the Government Gazette.

There will be no Dinner Dance to-night at Repulse Bay Hotel, but the usual Tea Dance will be held to-morrow, Sunday, at 4.30 p.m.

Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be sung by the Chinese Choral Society in St. Paul's Church, Pedder Hill, on Wednesday, next at 5.30 p.m. The tenor soloist will be Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw, and baritone Mr. A. V. Sanders. Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L., will accompany on the organ and Mr. J. Anderson Miller, L.B.A.M., will conduct.

The Chinese community are giving a farewell party to the Governor-designate of Gambia, who is Charlie Chaplin's step-son and Lady Southern at either the brother.

Hong Kong Hotel or the Chinese Merchants' Club at 5 p.m. on duer of jungle pictures and not April 27, when a Chinese address ably "Bring 'Em Back Alive," who will be presented. His Excellency is reported to be on board accompanied by Mrs. Buck, was not to attend the function.

THREE POLICE THEORIES

Mystery Of Woman Dead In Canal

TERRIBLY BATTERED ABOUT THE HEAD

Birmingham.

The police are pursuing three lines of enquiry into the death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Worton, the 25-years-old West Bromwich woman whose head was found to be terribly battered when her body was recovered from the canal at Tip-ton.

Their investigations have led to three theories—that the woman was struck by an assailant with some blunt instrument and then thrown into the canal where she was found on Saturday; that she was knocked down on the road by a motor-vehicle and then thrown into the canal, or that she fell from the bridge parapet and struck her head on the ice.

Head Injuries
It is understood that the police believe that the woman died from head injuries and not from drowning.

The destruction of a motor lorry driver who, the police believe, may be able to throw some light on her movements has been circulated in the Midlands. The man is said to be about 30 years of age, 5ft. 10in. in height, medium build, dark thin features, with fresh complexion. When last seen he was wearing a dirty blue motorcoat, brown leggings and brown corduroy breeches.

It has been established that Mrs. Worton drew her unemployment the afternoon before her death, but from then onwards her movements have not been traced.

LOCAL DOLLAR RISES

"Forward" Silver Up

The local dollar has risen 7/8, opening on demand this morning at 1/3 3/4.

"Spot" silver was steady at 20, while "forward" advanced 1/16 to 20.

The London on New York cross-rate was unchanged at \$-U.S.-\$4.95%, while the New York on London cross-rate was also unchanged at \$-U.S.-\$4.95%.

WEATHER REPORT

Moderate easterly winds, cloudy generally, is the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

FRANCONIA IN PORT

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Mr. FitzPatrick intends joining one of the "Flying Clippers" at Manila for Honolulu.

PROMINENT PASSENGERS

Among the other prominent passengers on board are Col. W. A. E. Bulkeley, who is connected with the Aetna Life Assurance Corporation, and Mrs. Bulkeley, Countess de Guyencourt and Miss Guyencourt, Mrs. Paul J. Kalman, who is one of St. Paul's, Minnesota, socially prominent hostesses, Mrs. Bertha W. Undergiving a farewell party to the wood, widow of Senator Undergiving, Hon. Sir Thomas Southern, wood, and Mr. Wheeler Dryden, Governor-designate of Gambia, who is Charlie Chaplin's step-son and Lady Southern at either the brother.

Mr. Frank E. Buck, famous promoter of the "Bring 'Em Back Alive," who will be presented. His Excellency is reported to be on board accompanied by Mrs. Buck, was not to attend the function.

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